

# CAMP NEWS

Winter/Spring 2022



## A Year of Gratitude

Executive Director, Brad Springer

We have much to be grateful for at Camp Copass! Over the past 2 years, we have seen the Lord work in big and unexpected ways. The scripture from Isaiah 43:16 "God will make a way where there seems to be no way" has become very real to us as we, like others, have gone through unprecedented events.

While we are so very grateful to God for bringing us through the unexpected, this is nothing new for Him. Camp Copass has a long history of the Lord doing the extraordinary. I am grateful for the camp managers who have come before me: Mr. Black, Mr. Evans, Mr. Jim Angel, and Mr. Wilburn Booth. Each one of these men walked by faith in the development of the camp. They built buildings when there was not any money, but the Lord always provided. I am grateful for the prior leadership at Camp Copass.

I am also grateful for our faithful volunteers who serve in the Tally Retreat Center and the camp store. Each person brings his or her unique God-given talents, abilities, and personality as they minister at camp. I am grateful for our many donors who give faithfully to the camp ministry. Gifts of resources, prayer, and time are invaluable to the message of Jesus Christ being shared here at the East end of McKinney Street.

Gratefulness abounds when I think about our employees. Each one of our staff feel called by God to serve Him. We could not continue this amazing ministry without the wonderful staff that we have.

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Upcoming Events

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Hope Dorm Completion



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I am grateful for the groups who come to Camp Copass for retreats and camps. We pray each week for the Lord to work in the hearts and lives of each person who enters the gate! Our campers are why we are here! We do need to remember, however, that without adult counselors, we could not have camp.

I am so very grateful for the many counselors who attend camp each summer, stay in the dorms with the kids, and participate in all the events under the hot Texas sun. Our counselors are mighty servants of God!

And I am enormously grateful for a Board of Directors who are faithful in support of everything that is happening at Camp Copass. They are more than just a board in name only – they serve, they attend meetings, and they show up whenever there is a need!

*Let 2022 be a year for gratitude!*

*Brad*



Every year Camp Copass hires high school graduates and college students to be part of our Summer Staff. Thousands of children and youth visit the camp during this time and our goal is to create an environment conducive to the Holy Spirit working in their lives. This is a paid position. Our staffers are not counselors that work directly with the campers; rather our ministry is to serve and take care of the needs of others. For more info, or to apply go to [www.campcopass.com](http://www.campcopass.com).



## Senior Adult Day

May 3, 2022

Our world is longing for a message of hope. As believers, we hold that hope. You are never too old to be reminded of how Jesus Christ saves lives. Please join us for this free event. Fellowship with other senior adults, hear your favorite hymns and be blessed by a Biblical message. The guest speaker will be David Hardage, Executive Director of BGCT.

**RSVP today by calling (940)565-0050.**

### Schedule of Events:

10:00 am Registration in the auditorium  
10:30 am Welcome and Hymn Sing  
11:00 am Guest Speaker  
12:00 pm Lunch (Camp Store Open)  
1:30 pm Closing Program  
2:30 pm Door Prizes







## Campamento Rio Dulce, Guatemala

Seven years ago, Camp Copass staff and volunteers set out on our first trip to train the people of Rio Dulce how to create a camp experience for children. Each year we have returned to assist the Guatemalans in the camp experience.

This January, because of flight cancellations and Covid restrictions, our Camp Copass team was unable to attend camp in Guatemala. The Guatemalan volunteers in Rio Dulce fulfilled the mission on their own, with great success. We are thrilled to hear all The Lord has done in their camp.

The planning team had expected to only allow 200 campers, however, the children of Las Brisas were so emotional about missing camp that the leaders opened it up to receive them all. This year an average of 250 campers attended each day. Fifty-three children made decisions for Jesus. Praise the Lord for the work He is doing in Guatemala. The ministry there has been very fruitful!





# HOPE DORM IS READY TO RECEIVE CAMPERS!

In 2018 construction began on Hope dorm. The journey was not what we expected. The Covid -19 pandemic halted progress on the building for a number of months. However, faithful donors supported us every step of the way. This building, complete with a kitchen, meeting space and bunkbeds for 84 campers, was completely funded by generous churches, organizations and individual donors. Hope dorm will receive its first campers in February.



Coming soon...

This Spring we will dedicate this building to the work of The Lord and celebrate all He has done! Invitation to follow.



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