



# “The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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Newsletter of Camp Del-Haven

Turning Kids from Crime to Christ

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*“Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to a revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest and by the prophetic scriptures, according to the commandment of the eternal God, having been made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.” Ro.16:25-27*

This is a grand doxology of one of the greatest epistles of the New Testament. In it is a description of another aspect of the power that God has seen fit to exert through the gospel of the glory of Christ. At the very beginning of this letter, from vs.16, the gospel is declared to be *“the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes”*, and now we learn from the closing of this same letter that it is also the power of God whereby He *“is able to establish”* us in the faith that the preaching of the gospel inspires. By the power of God, the gospel of the glory of Christ both saves and establishes.

The apostle calls the proclamation of Jesus Christ his gospel. This is because the message of the messenger is entrusted to their possession and protection. They are to treat it as being as precious as if it were of their own contrivance. Hence it is true that all of us who have been born again by the gospel are also, while still nothing more than earthen vessels, divinely entrusted with that gospel treasure so that the excellence of the power of it may be of God and not of us (see 2Co.4:7).

The *“revelation of the mystery”* refers to the results that God causes to come to pass through the preaching of the gospel of the glory of Jesus Christ. It is to the world an utterly foolish proposition that so great a salvation and so complete a sanctification can come from so simple a thing as the proclamation of the good news that Jesus is the Christ of God. The fact that this glorious gospel was kept secret -- or more literally, silent -- until *now*, shows how that the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the very sum and substance of the gospel, was only known through the obscure types and shadows of Old Testament prophecies and ceremonies. The revelation of the mystery is, in essence, the revelation of Jesus Christ that came into being at His appearing (see 2Ti.1:10).

And, along with the coming of our Lord, Jesus the Messiah, there is also issued unto us the divine command of eternal God to obediently believe in Him for the saving of our souls. Matthew Henry aptly said, “The gospel is revealed, not to be talked of and disputed about, but to be submitted to. The obedience of faith is that obedience which is paid to the word of faith, and which is produced by the grace of faith. See here what is the right faith -- even that which works in obedience; and what is the right obedience -- even that which springs from faith; and what is the design of the gospel -- to bring us to both.” Let us thank and praise God for such a grand gift that He has given unto us through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (See 1Jn.5:11-12)

*For Christ's glory only!  
A. Carpenter*

### Prayer Request for Camp Season 2006

The countdown of the calendar brings us closer and closer to the summer camp season of 2006. Even with all the planning and projects that we need to get into, the main focus of our prayers is for another season of the effectual proclamation of the gospel. Please be in prayer with us for the children that the Lord will send our way and for the staff help that He will also provide. Remember, God has decreed and determined that prayer be the accomplishment of His will and purpose. Praise His Name!

#### Glory of Christ Bible Conference

Also, dear friends, don't forget that in just one more month (April 20-22) we will be holding our eighth annual Glory of Christ Bible Conference at the Summit Woods Baptist Church in Lee's Summit, MO. Detailed information may be obtained from our website at [www.campdelhaven.org](http://www.campdelhaven.org), or you may give us a call at (816) 690-3497.

This year's theme is centered on: The Glory of God's Revelation in His Son. The Conference will feature Dr. Gary Long along with Pastors Tony Buford and Jim Elliff. By the way, one of the major needs that we presently have for the meetings of our conference is someone who can play the piano. We plan for a total of about 3 or 4 select hymns for congregational singing. Is there anyone out there who will help us? Please give me a call at the above number. Here is an opportunity for us all to experience the power of God in using the gospel to establish us in the faith that overcomes the world. Please pray for this event and do all that you can to come.

#### Mary Kay Beard and Family

By the way, Mary Kay Beard's husband, Don -- a very dear friend and brother in Christ -- went to be with the Lord on Feb. 19. He was a real soldier for the Lord. Please pray with us for Mary Kay as she now faces adjusting to life here without her beloved. We still have copies of her book "Rogue Angel" that can be purchased for just \$10. The regular retail price of this excellent work is \$15. You will be not only moved by the testimony of how Mary Kay was turned from crime to Christ, but you will also be motivated and encouraged to trust totally and completely in the Lord.

#### Saturday Workdays

Our pre-camp season Saturday workdays will officially begin on March 25th. We have already heard from our good friends at Cedar Ridge Evangelical Free Church of Harrisonville, MO. They plan to bring their energetic group of helpers out on that date. Any and all who want to be a part of this are more than welcome to come. This kind of help, in whatever capacity it can be offered, is always needed and greatly appreciated.

#### Lake Renovation

Please continue to pray with us concerning how to approach the major challenge in the renovation of our lake. There is nothing too hard for the Lord, and it appears that here is another project that we are facing for Him to prove this eternal truth.

#### Camp Del-Haven Cookbook

Oh yes, it has been requested by board member, Christina Morton, that a reminder be issued to send to her some of your favorite recipes to be a part of the very first Camp Del-Haven Cookbook. You may send them directly to her via regular mail to 425 Shamrock Dr., Marshall, MO 65340, or by e-mail at [3mortons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:3mortons@sbcglobal.net) -- either way your contribution will greatly assist the success of this project.