



“The Del-Haven Vision”

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

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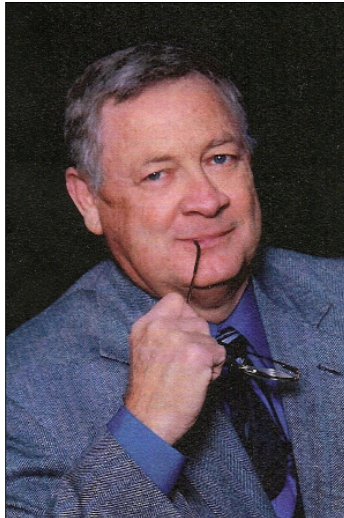
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Dear friends, since we last wrote, our Lord and Savior God has received into His glorious presence two dear saints and supporters of the ministry of Del-Haven.

Pastor Stanley Owen of Barnes Chapel Baptist Church that is located in the Ashland, MO area -- and with whom I had the privilege of ministering the gospel for several years at that church -- entered into his heavenly rest on 06/19/2010. He left behind a lifelong witness and testimony of God's all sustaining sovereign grace. Stanley was faithful in preaching the gospel of God's grace all the way through to the end of his days in this world. He would have turned 90 years old on August 17th. Please remember to pray with us for Nadine, Stanley's wife.

The other soldier for Christ that on 06/26/2010 was retired by our Lord from the battlefield of this world is William E. Phillips, Jr. Bill served on Del-Haven's board of directors for five years in the 1970's. Bill and Sally, his wife, have been very faithful supporters of this ministry for over 40 years! Most of you already know that Sally's maiden name is Carpenter -- so, Bill married into not only the Carpenter family, but also the Del-Haven family. He was a welcomed and beloved addition into both! The photos below are one of Bill, and then one of he and Sally recently enjoying a spin around our new lake in one of the four paddle boats that they donated to Del-Haven for the kids. We miss Bill, but rejoice knowing full well where he is in glory. And, we ask that you please remember to pray for Sally -- for the comfort and strength that only God can provide as she forges on through this world without Bill being right at her side. Heavenly reunions will be absolutely grand!

There are five uses of the word “precious” -- which alludes to something of great value -- that reflect the whole spectrum of the true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. There is the reference to the “precious blood of Christ” that alone eternally redeems us; there is the reference to Christ, Himself, as being the “elect and pre-



cious cornerstone” with which we, the building of God, are eternally aligned; there is the reference to the grace of “like precious faith” that is bestowed upon all true believers; there is the reference to the “exceeding great and precious promises” of God that assure us of being partakers of the divine nature and all of which are yea and amen for all eternity in Christ; and then there is the reference to the end of earthly days for each true believer when the word descriptively declares: “Precious [or literally, “of great value”] in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints”.

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



Thirteen campers from the first session needed a ride to camp. We loaded them in our cars to get them here. There was just enough room for everyone.



The 6 to 9 year olds were making lambs in crafts to remind them that we are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb - JESUS!



Campers listened during Bible Class - 6 sessions for the week. There were also 12 after meal and before bed time devotions and 3 memory verses.



The newest edition to the camp program is fishing. After stocking the new lake last Spring, the fish are growing big and are fun to catch.

When we were taking the campers home on Thursday after the first session of camp, there was a group of girls in the truck with Jeff Hall (Head Boys Counselor/Board Member). The girls kept chanting, "Take us back to camp! Take us back to camp!" Jeff told the girls he had to take them back to the pick up spot. They jokingly said if he didn't take them back they were going to hit him on the head and take the truck back themselves. Jeff expressed that he might get charged with kidnapping if he didn't take them to the pick up spot on time. One girl finally decided she would use her new Bible to find a verse to convince Jeff to take her and her friends back to camp. She looked and looked and finally decided on Colossians 1:14 (one of the week's memory verses) because God would forgive him if he did kidnap them and take them back.— This little story is just one evidence of how the God uses Del-Haven to show these boys and girls how great His love is and how much we care about them. The staff sets aside time each day before the children wake up to commit themselves to pray for the campers and for the activities of each day. They develop relationships with these children that is born out of love that comes only from the Heavenly Father. They spend as much time with the campers as possible throughout the day/night while teaching them about the Lord along the way. Please continue to pray with us for all the campers who have already attended or will soon attend camp this summer that they will come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. We are less than half way through our summer sessions and are looking forward to the great things God will continue to do in the lives of the staff, campers, and their families.