



# HARTSTONE BIBLE CAMP



## 2023 Holiday Newsletter



**Thus says the LORD, “Heaven is My throne, and the earth is the footstool of My feet. Where then is a house you could build for Me and where is a place that I may rest?**

**For My hand made all these things, thus all these things came into being,” declares the LORD. “But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.”**

**-Isaiah 66:1-2**

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I can't express how thankful I am for you. It is so amazing to live and minister in a place such as Hartstone. It's an honor to see its physical beauty, but also to see the beauty of what God does in people's lives on these grounds. This past year we saw people get saved, baptized, and lives be transformed for the glory of God. By you being a part of Hartstone, you are contributing and supporting the work of what the Holy Spirit is doing in the lives of people that come here.

**Thank you for being a part of this ministry!**

**-Dave Dick**

# This Past Year...

## Annual Work Day!!

We had over 200 people come to our annual workday! It was amazing to see the love and support in action. We were able to get so much done, thanks to all who came. Mark your calendars! Next year's work day is: Saturday, March 16th, 2024, from 9am-4pm. Morning pastries & coffee, along with a lunch, will be provided.



**2023 Hartstone Work Day**

## Record Setting Year!!

We had the largest number of campers served in the history of Hartstone this year! There were 43 camps, we served over 3,000 campers, and had 25 summer staff. Before COVID, we had less than half of these numbers on our grounds. We praise God for His blessings and allowing us to partner with so many churches for His glory.



## The Board and Senior Staff!!

We firmly believe that the reason God is continuing to bless Hartstone is because of the conviction that the Board of Directors and its Senior Staff hold to in its Mission Statement and Core Values for the Camp. Hartstone's Mission Statement is: "To share Christ's love by serving churches through a camp experience, and our three core values are to provide excellent service, excellent food, and maintain an excellent environment. If you've been to Hartstone, we trust that our mission statement and core values have been experienced, seen, felt, and even tasted in your time here! We give God all the credit for what He is doing in the lives that come here, campers and staffers alike. May God continue to provide, protect, and bless for His glory.

## Adopt a Staff Family!!

Did you know that each of the full-time staff families raise financial support like a missionary, in order to serve full-time in the ministry here at Hartstone? Would you please prayerfully consider financially supporting one of these staff families on a monthly basis? If you feel led to adopt a staff family, please make your gift out to Hartstone Bible Camp and designate in your memo either: "Dick Family Support" or "Thompson Family Support". Check out all full-time staff testimonies on our website: [www.hartstonebiblecamp.org](http://www.hartstonebiblecamp.org)

## Pond Repair and Upgrade!!

With all the rain and snow this past winter, our dam was pushed to its limits and could not continue to hold water. We had to do an emergency repair right at the beginning of summer. God was kind to us to bring some people who had expertise in this area and allowed us to do it at a fraction of what it would normally cost. While we were making the repairs, a decision was made to also upgrade the pond area and raise it about 3 feet. It is beautiful and will be a main attraction for Hartstone, allowing swimming, playing, AND fishing!



Repairing the Dam at Todd Pond



Pond: Wider and Deeper with New Roadways

## We have a New Shop!!



A little over 3 years ago, we were able to get a great deal on a new shop building. Due to COVID and economic issues involving permitting, it took awhile to officially get here and be installed. We are so grateful for the extra room and proper work space for our laborers!

## New Trail, Views, and Playground!!

We have some dear friends that love to help us fulfill our 3rd Core Value: Maintain an Excellent Environment! This fall we added a beautiful new trail to the top of Hartstone's property, which we call Satellite Rock! This is a great switchback trail that ends with a breathtaking view.

We've also opened the views behind the Dining Hall and reopened the restricted view in the middle of the campground that looks out to the North mountain range.

In September, we were the recipients of a "new-to-us" playground that was donated from Cornerstone Church in Atascadero, CA. Not only did they donate a very high quality playground set, but they also sent a crew of men to help install it for us! It is so encouraging to watch how the Lord moves in people's hearts to give and serve at Hartstone. Thank you all so much!!



"Satellite Trailhead"



View from Satellite Rock



View from the Dining Hall Back Patio



North Mountain Range View



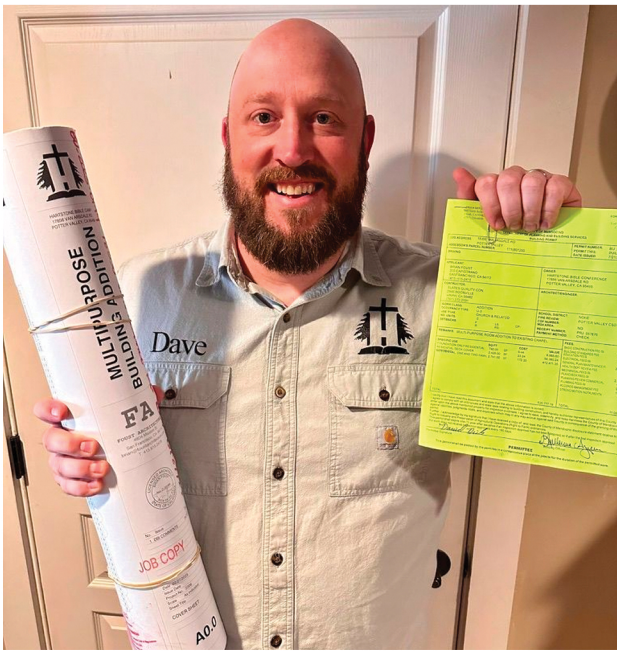
New Playground



## We Broke Ground on the Chapel Project!!

We have our permit and stamped plans in hand to enter into the final phase of the Chapel Project! In order for us to begin, a massive electrical upgrade for the entire camp is required. We are currently in the final steps of completing this upgrade and our hope and desire is to begin the underground work, footings, and foundation starting next year.

The Hartstone Board of Directors has been working hard at finalizing all the details and we are excited to see how God has been moving in the hearts of so many people to help provide for this project. With economic inflation and the price of goods going through the roof, we need a lot more money to complete the building of the Chapel. This project is estimated to be a little over \$1 million. So far we have raised \$338,418, but still need to raise over \$700,000. Please continue to pray that this will run smoothly and be quickly brought to fruition. If you would like to make a tax-deductible financial contribution, please make your gift out to Hartstone Bible Camp and designate in the memo: "Chapel Project". (See Back Page for More Details)



Dave Dick with Stamped Plans & Permit



Breaking Ground with some of Hartstone's Board of Directors

## Conceptual Finish Work



Thank you for your partnership  
in this ministry.  
God bless!

**Not to us, Dave Dick  
(Psalm 115)**

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and/or Estate Planning



**HARTSTONE BIBLE CAMP  
CHAPEL EXTENSION PROJECT**



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