

Randy Chesnut Era at Tri-State Camp & Retreat Center

September 2017

Randy's Vision/Bucket List for Tri-State Christian Camp (Fri, Aug 4, 2017)

- *Advertisement pull-up from Group Imaging
- *Clean up and improve sand volleyball court
- *Round up around pool deck and buildings
- *Study Master Site plan to see if there are revisions needed
- *Landscaping
- *Start RV park
- *Work on new entrance
- *Work on getting white house on Peacock Road donated
- *Improvements to old house
- *Look at possibility of relocating playground
- *Clean up under dining hall deck
- *Expand ball field and put in sprinkler system
- *Get well water working
- *Clean up outside of workshop
- *Clean and organize inside of workshop
- *Improve low ropes course
- *Get pricing on zip line
- *Paint apartments and get rid of musty smell
- *Work on getting 9 holes of disk golf

- *Talk to preachers and summer deans about what they want or see around the property
- *Look into cost of an 80x70 shelter that can be converted to MPB
- *Look into expanding the dining hall
- *Enclose front of dining hall
- *Look into a lake behind the dining hall
- *Enlarge cabins onto front porches
- *Handicap sidewalks between cabins, dining hall, and new worship shelter
- *Look at camp insurance bid
- *Get Andy Avery booked for: possible men's retreat, senior's retreat and high school camp
- *Get new sound system from Andy
- *Book Andy in local church(es) when he is in the area
- *Get advertising literature together
- *Work on website
- *Work on new camp entrance sign
- *Look over rental contract forms
- *Look over current registration forms
- *Look into online registration
- *Look into improving prayer walk with stations and specific prayer requests
- *See if there are any other Christian churches not attending or supporting
- *Visit local churches to see how camp can help them with programming
- *Visit our current church list with attempt to drive summer 2018 attendance
- *Go to chamber of commerce of popular beaches to use in advertising
- *Check into camp team for high school week from Johnson Univ. Florida campus
- *Build Gaga pit
- *Look into some fundraiser events

Randy and his family arrived on the property for him to begin as the new Camp Director on September 5, 2017.

Improvements Completed:

- **Cottage – We own a 3 bedroom Cottage with a carport (2 cars) and a large screened in porch. It was cleaned and prepared for the Chesnut’s arrival.**



- **Over a weekend in early September, the Family moved from Indiana into the Cottage.**



- Randy, his wife and 2 daughters are living in the Cottage for this year of transition between he and Johnny



- Randy's first project was to refurbish the sand volleyball court. (Accomplished by September 10th).



The Facilities of the camp & retreat center include a main building with a capacity of 130. This building also has a modern kitchen and flagstone fireplace. There are 6 dorms that sleep 16 people each with showers and restrooms. A staff building that has an office/conference room and 7 motel-type rooms. This building also has 2 restrooms with showers to be used by the RV and tent camping area. An Olympic sized swimming pool, softball field, basketball court, fitness course, sand volleyball court, zip line and playground are used for recreation. There are 4 picnic shelters with tables and benches that can also be used for classes. Beautiful wetlands border the large horseshoe shaped nature trail and prayer walk. All buildings have central heat and air and may be used year around.



- Randy's wife took on the project of cleaning and rearranging the Camp Laundry Room. Thanks Carrie for getting the staff building laundry room organized and clean!.



- **Randy has cleaned up the Fire Pit Area.**



- **Randy's daughters pressure cleaned walks and buildings. Thanks Tabby for pressure washing the staff building!.**





- The Camp needs a new mower and Randy began raising funds in early September.



- Cabin #1 needed roof repairs. This was completed by Friday, September 15, 2017



- The Camp Website and Facebook Page needed updated. Randy and Tom Hart completed this on Friday, September 15, 2017

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WE WELCOME A NEW CAMP DIRECTOR !!!

Randall (Randy) Chesnut will be our Camp Director beginning September 5th. His wife is Carrie and they have 6 children. Four of them are adults and two home schooled by Carrie. Randy has been the successful director of several camps and is originally from Florida.



- September 22
- Welcome Ron & Christine Reaves to Tri-State Christian Camp. They will be staying in our RV area. They both will help out with some current landscaping needs in the RV area. They will also be apart of the designing of the whole campus landscape, and the development of a new RV site on property. A wonderful Godly couple, thanks for your service to the kingdom!







- **September 22**
- **We arrived at TriState Christian Camp in Defuniak Springs, Florida this afternoon and received a very warm welcome from a great friend, Randy Chesnut! After the ride and then setting up camp, we decided that a good walk would be in order before settling in for the night so we wandered around the camp checking the place out, enjoying nature, and the gorgeous sunset! This is a beautiful little rustic country Christian camp and we are excited to be here! Thank you Lord for another opportunity to be used by You! Thank you Randy for the invite! May God bless this camp!**



- **September 23**
- **Beginning the overhaul of the staff apt building. Carpet cleaning, paint, etc**





- **September 23 - The mower fund continues to grow! Let's cut that grass! Thanks so much to those that have made a donation commitment! - Janet, Jack & Danielle, Brad & Jill, Randy M and Justin & Jessica.**

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- **September 25 (Monday) - Ron hard at it first thing Monday morning. The beginning of the new landscaping for our RV area. Stay tuned for the new look coming in the near future.**





- **September 25 - TRI-STATE CHRISTIAN CAMP and RETREAT CENTER in DeFuniak Springs, Florida - Our quaint, quiet, and rustic RV loop will be ready for the snowbirds! As early as October thru April! Each site has 30amp to 50amp electric hook up, water hook up, sewer hook up, & picnic table. There is available a single men's & women's bathroom with shower and a community laundry room. There is a community campfire ring. Walmart is only 5 miles away. 30 to 45 miles from some of the most popular beaches in the Florida panhandle!!! (Ft. Walton Beach, Destin Beach, etc.)**
 1. **Rates are the best in the panhandle!**
 2. **Daily \$35.00**
 3. **Weekly \$210.00**
 4. **Monthly \$425.00**
 5. **We only have seven slots available**
 6. **For reservations please text or call Camp Director Randy Chesnut at 636-359-3777.**

- September 26 - Tri-State Christian Camp - Out with the old sign, in with the new!
Stay tuned, finished sign coming Friday!!





- **September 27 - Took a few hours of R&R today at the beach! I wore my special hat in honor of Steve Bornemann at Lake Aurora Christian Camp.**



- September 29 - Before / After



October 2017

- **October 3 - More progress today in our RV site. If you know of anyone that likes to winter in Florida please tell them about Tri-State Christian Camp.**



- **October 4 - Picked up our new mower today.**
What a huge addition and blessing to the camp.
Had a hard time getting Johnny off of it! Lol
Only \$1,000 left to raise. PTL



- **October 5 - Another busy day for Randy, Pastor Johnny and Ron at Tri State Christian Camp....making progress one day at a time...moment by moment. God is soooo good! Thank you Lord for Your guidance and Your protection on each of these men in their labors of love for you. Bless each dollar that is donated to this camp, Lord, to meet the needs here and bless each and every person who has generously given and invested in the souls of all ages that will be blessed or brought to You through this great ministry.**



- **October 5 - Moved out the old snack shack. Taking out a tree to line up the other two buildings. Received a \$2,000 gift to build a new snack shack. It will look something like the last picture.**



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- **October 6 - What's gone on today at Tri-State Christian Camp? Starting the long process of sprucing up the Cyprus cabins!**



- **October 6 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

Here is someone else that likes the new mower.



- **October 11 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

The blessings of having a Ron & Christine on your camp property. Ron is cleaning up our basketball court!



- **October 11 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

Dad is volunteering here at Tri-State Christian Camp for a week. Dad lives in Ocala Florida.

For anyone that is in shouting distance of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, we could sure use more help!



- **October 12 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

Moved the 24' storage shed today! We aligned it with the other shed. It looks so much neater!

Thanks so much for another volunteer.

Our neighbor Gary Nowling brought his tractor to help move our shed.





- **October 14 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

Tri-State Christian Camp was at the Munson Heritage Festival today. Shared the opportunity to come to summer camp! Many kids and a few adults enjoyed archery shooting.



- **October 15- Tri-State Christian Camp**

The three amigos hard at work.

Got the floor done for the new snack shack!



- **October 17- Tri-State Christian Camp**
More progress on our camp country store.



- **October 18- Tri-State Christian Camp**

My good friend John, the facilities manager at Country Lake Christian Retreat visited Tri-State Christian Camp this morning and helped with the construction of our new country store. I returned the favor by hanging out with John this afternoon at the beach.





- **October 19 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

More progress today on our Dansby Country Store. Started the framing for the front deck and the serving window area!



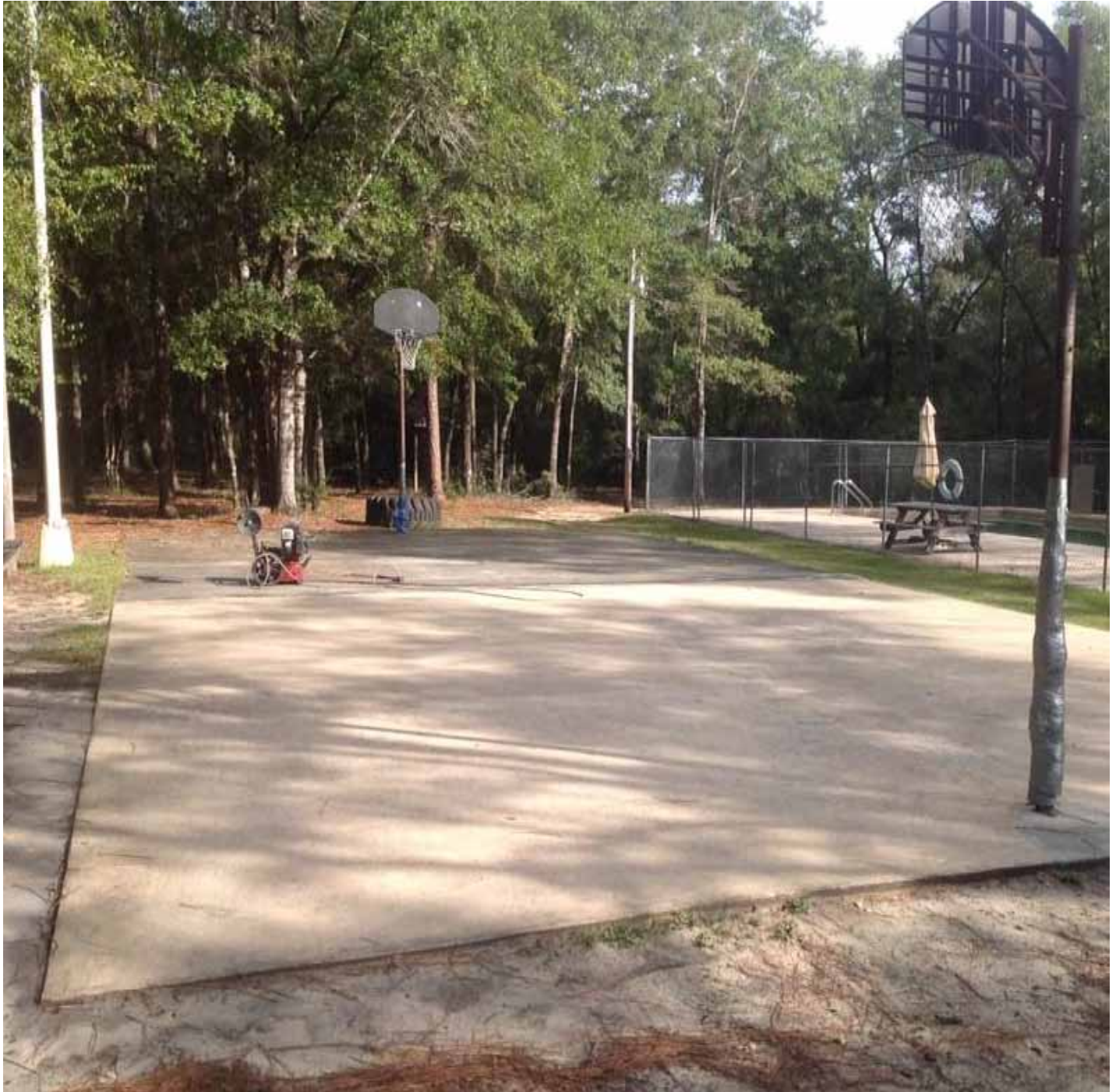
- **October 21 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

Pressure washed Dorm and another dorm needing to be pressure washed. The Trustees decided that individual Churches will be in charge of maintaining a Dorm.



- **October 21 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

Basketball Court pressure washed at the front. Some one needs to finish the project.



- **October 21 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

Randy's Wife and 2 Daughters in the Kitchen of the Camp. They are popping and bagging popcorn for the DeFuniak Springs Fall Farm Days in early November. 5,000 people gather at a Farm and are fed a free barbeque meal. This is a Christian event and participants provide a free snack to the attendees. We are providing a sandwich bag of carmel corn. 14 people were helping them.



- **October 21 - Tri-State Christian Camp**
Country store snack building under construction.



- **October 21 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

We have 8 spaces for Motor Homes. This fire pit is for the Motor Home residents.



- **October 24 - Tri-State Christian Camp**

Since all my boys have moved out, Tabby has stepped up. Thanks Tabby for helping me today on the Dansby Country Store.



November 2017

November 2

Tri-State Christian Camp

- A little more progress on our Country Store!



November 3

Tri-State Christian Camp

- **Country Store at Tri-State Christian Camp almost closed in!**





November 4

Tri-State Christian Camp

- **My great helpers went back home to Alabama today. Thanks so much Ron & Christine Reaves. You've not only been a blessing to Tri-State Christian Camp the last six weeks but you've also been a blessing to the Chesnut family! May God truly bless you both for all you do for camp ministry!**
- **Tri-State Christian Camp**
- **Camp Baldwin**
- **Lake Aurora Christian Camp**
- **And many more!**





November 4

Tri-State Christian Camp

- Had a great day at “Farm Day” here in DeFuniak Springs! Had a wonderful opportunity to share about Tri-State Christian Camp. Around 5,000 people attended!







November 8

Tri-State Christian Camp

- **The rest of the outside plywood went on today and half of the handrail and bench on the front porch. Progress!**
- **Heading out at 6 AM in the morning for St. Louis to be a part of my oldest son Caleb and his lovely bride Megan's wedding this Saturday!**





November 20th

Tri-State Christian Camp

- **Visited Eastside Christian Church in Panama City this past Sunday, Had a wonderful visit! In the picture is Trustee Robert his wife Gwen, Trustee Josie and her husband Jimmy (preacher) and their son Josiah, and the Chesnuts.**



November 20th

Tri-State Christian Camp

- **Carrie’s father “Bob Weinschke” is volunteering around the camp! Thanks Bob for your friendship, work, an example of Jesus!**



November 22nd

Tri-State Christian Camp

- Carrie's dad Bob went to ACE Hardware and bought 50 light bulbs & 30 LED bulbs and went through the whole camp replacing bulbs. Thanks for all the bulbs



November 24th

Tri-State Christian Camp

- Fencing off the powerline road! The big truck locals think the powerline road is a shortcut to Hwy 90. The powerline road is a camp private road in front of our cottage house.





November 27th

Tri-State Christian Camp

- **Thanks so much to Mike & Doug from Niceville Christian Church.**
- **We appreciate your coming to help at Tri-State Christian Camp with brush clean up!**



December 2017

December 17, 2017

Tri-State Christian Camp

- The last 30 days has been busy with office work! 300 Christmas letters sent out to church members. Over 100 letters sent out to area churches about renting TSCC. Camp display put together to take to churches when I visit. Visited Eastside Christian Church and Capital City Christian Church.
- FYI - Annual Celebration Banquet is changed from January 13th to February 3rd. Because of a rental group.
- Finally got out and worked on the snack shack this weekend.





December 18, 2017

Tri-State Christian Camp

- **After a little cool weather, it's nice to be out on the front porch again for breakfast!**

