

REFRESHING TIMES

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WELCOME TO ETHAN DEAL AND FAMILY!

by Randy Klawitter

Word came one day before our annual meeting that Ethan and Caitlyn and family were going to come and join us on staff here. As Associate Director he will work alongside the Executive Director and help not only with understanding the needs of the ministry, the manual labor, and processes necessary to keep things going, but will also share in leadership and development necessary to grow the ministry moving forward.

Ethan is a man of many talents and giftings. He was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. From an early age he took an interest in music, starting on the violin when he was 6 years old. Later, he learned piano, and then picked up the guitar at age 15. Ethan also acquired... *(continued on page 2)*



Tearing off the old, damaged roof
at Windy Hill Farmhouse.
See page 3 for details

"I will take my children into the wilderness and there I will speak tenderly to them. I will restore their fruitfulness and turn their valley of trouble into a door of hope."

Hosea 2:14-15a

(cont. from page 1) ...an interest in film making, and he, along with his siblings, spent many years making short films that were in fact... terrible (according to Ethan). Nevertheless, he used those skills to make videos for his church youth group and also started learning graphic design. Over the years he acquired experience with film and graphic design through a few different jobs and projects, as well as taking two professional photography courses in 2008. He was also involved heavily with his church, Turning Point Church in Dallas, as part of the worship team since 2006. He later joined the staff of Turning Point as the Worship and Media Pastor in 2012.



THE DEAL FAMILY

In September of 2012 Ethan married his best friend and love of his life, Caitlyn (Klawitter)! They have one daughter, Ivy, and a son named Harrison.

Ethan joined the staff at The Wilderness in June of 2017 and moved his family up from Dallas (after a long and tearful farewell to decent Mexican food). He will be in charge of helping create and manage a video recording studio in the Fellowship Center for creating video recordings of Prepare Series, special speakers, scheduled Wilderness events, and promotional media for expanded ministry outreach and exposure. The possibility of "Wilderness Worship Evenings," a time of community gathering to worship the Lord Jesus together, is also being considered. Making and creating new media projects to more clearly promote and display The Wilderness Fellowship Ministries at conferences, churches and on the web, are also among his responsibilities. Helping with the manual labor of building, operations, and grounds care is a part of the diversity of the ministry and job. As he becomes more familiar with all these processes, he will also help meet, greet, and see in guests to cabins or facilities. Ethan and Caitlyn together are excited about what God is doing here at The Wilderness and blessed to be a part of it!

Would you pray for them? It would mean a lot to them. Ask the Lord to meet all of their needs for finances, health, wisdom, and strength as they get "plugged in" here and if you desire to share a word of blessing, encouragement, or a word of welcome, you can email Ethan at ethan@wildernessfellowship.com. I am sure he will be happy to share it with Caitlyn, Ivy and Harrison.

CALEB KLAWITTER BACK FROM SWEDEN

The Lord has provided help for a few months this summer from Caleb Klawitter. Caleb grew up here, as he is the youngest of mine and Renee's kids. This last year he has been in Sweden for Bible School and growing in his love for Jesus and His word! Caleb is here as short term staff to work along side me to help with mowing, wood splitting, and even tearing the Windy Hill Farmhouse apart after the fire, to get ready for the rebuild to begin.



CALEB KLAWITTER

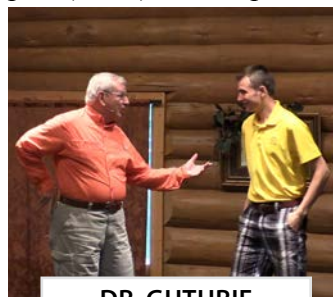
VIDEO EQUIPMENT NEED ALMOST MET

We are so excited that the Lord has provided special designated gifts for the Video Equipment to use in the Fellowship Center and Wilderness promotions. We have built and installed the video studio counter in the Fellowship Center sound room and have researched and begun purchasing the pieces necessary to put together the system, but still are about \$3500 shy of the goal to complete the initial video set up. If additional funds come in we will look to install a more professional lighting system as well as higher quality microphones for better sound pick up. We look to the Lord to meet this need in abundance for even greater impact for the Kingdom of God. Big thanks to those who have joined us in this new ministry venture.



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

What a powerful weekend for all who attended. Dr. Larry Guthrie was the main speaker. Creator and researcher of the books Character Sketches for Institute on Basic Life Principles (IBLP), he is a phenomenal storyteller and teacher. We had more than 70 people here. It was a great yet difficult weekend for many reasons. Great because of incredible teaching and the fact that Ethan and Caitlyn were moving from Texas that weekend and we were literally finishing cleaning their home as they were driving in. Wow. That was close! Then on top of that, I was trying to keep track



DR. GUTHRIE

of time as guests were arriving and I was running all over the place trying to cover multiple bases. Then the difficult began. On Saturday, just a couple of hours before the sessions with Larry were to start, our daughter Brianna began having seizures. She had 4 that day. The last three were at 2:30pm, 4:30pm, and 6:30pm and we were drained physically, emotionally, and mentally. As I walked in on the tail end of the Saturday evening session, Larry spotted me and asked me to come and share what was happening and how Brianna was. I asked them to please cry out to the Lord on our and Brianna's behalf that the seizures would stop. We didn't want another one at 8:30. The Lord answered our prayer and she has been seizure-free since. The Sessions with Larry Guthrie were fantastic, with the first 3 sessions based on the 23rd Psalm and Jesus being our Good Shepherd. The last session on Sunday night was special as we had specifically asked Larry to present a message that he had once shared perhaps 5 or more years earlier when he was at The Wilderness for a previous Memorial Day weekend. It was titled, "The Gospel in the Stars". When he had presented it then, we said, "If ever we get another chance to have Larry come again, we'd like to video tape it so others could see it. We appealed to IBLP for permission to record it and received that permission. It was a presentation that clearly laid out that God named the stars as he created them, but the names of the stars all spoke to Jesus and the cross and the gospel message. It was incredible to sit and take part of this session. It was a great weekend and God was and is faithful! PTL!! Soon we plan to have the recording of this last session on our website. (See the Video Project article)

FARMHOUSE PROJECT

Well, slow but sure the Windy Hill Farmhouse is being repaired. The trusses are ordered and completed from K-Wood Truss Rafter. The whole roof of the building has been torn off and now awaits the building contractors to come and start putting it all back together. We are excited about the upgrades that will be seen to this building. Better insulation, better and more windows upstairs, resulting in better cross-ventilation and air flow upstairs and a new roof on the whole thing. Please pray for the builders who will be putting it back together again, that it will go smoothly and quickly. We are anxious to get this building back into service and people are waiting to book it.



TEARING OFF THE ROOF

NEW PRAYER CABIN

Plans are coming together for Prayer Cabin #6. We have seen a significant increase in the usage of the prayer cabins, so we are very excited about the Lord's provision again for this vital ministry. We have a contractor who will be leading the build and what is special about it is that this will be the second prayer cabin that he has built here for us. Mark used to be on staff with us years ago and built the Bo prayer cabin

and also more recently built the new Prayer Cabin shower house for us. I love working with Mark and know his quality is top notch. Please pray for the Lord to raise up volunteers to come forward to help with the "volunteer" type things that need to be done.

- Randy



Randy Klawitter is married to Renee, and they have four children, three grandchildren, a son-in-law, daughter-in-law and a dog. Randy is the Executive Director of TWFM and is the son of TWF Founders Dick and Lois Klawitter. Randy has been involved in virtually every TWF project since its beginning and wears multiple hats as builder, greeter, mechanic, work crew leader, maple syrup maker, equipment operator, etc, and fills in wherever needed. If you have questions or comments, email Randy at randy@wildernessfellowship.com.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

Please let us know with a phone call or an email! When your address changes and the newsletter gets mailed to your old address, it costs The Wilderness money to have the post office give us the new address (as they forward it on to you), OR to have a piece returned with no forwarding address. It would be a huge help to us to have your change of address as soon as possible, to avoid the postage fees. If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, please let us know and we'll take you off. Thanks!



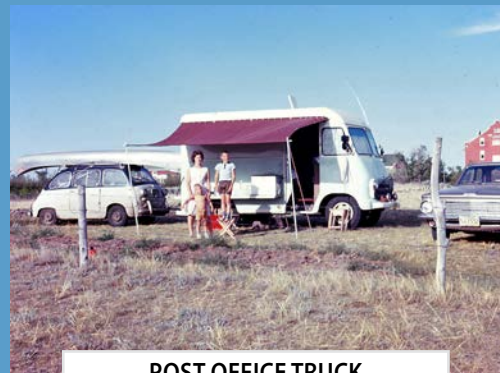
Did you know? PART VII

By Dick Klawitter, Founder of TWFM



In the last letter I mentioned to you that 2 Tim 2:15 was used by the Holy Spirit to bring about another major step in my journey and need to be better equipped for the opportunities and challenges that God had ahead for me and the family.

After much prayer, counsel from family and friends, and the leading of the Holy Spirit, God confirmed in our Spirits, both my wife and I, that we needed to make plans for a major relocation from our new home to unknown housing in Seattle, Washington, where I would go to Bible School for two years.



POST OFFICE TRUCK

When I shared this (during a lunch break) with the guys I was working with in building construction, several of them thought I was "NUTS"! and asked, "Where are you going to live? Aren't you aware of the housing shortage in Seattle?" And then someone said, "What are you going to do after you graduate from Bible School?" I responded "I don't have any idea what I will do after I graduate, but I know the One who will give me the answer to both of those questions! My faith and trust is in Jesus, my Lord and Savior!"

This meant selling our new home, the kids' ponies, calves, chickens and ducks. It also meant deciding how we would best move ourselves and needed belongings across the county. Once again God revealed to us that we were not in this situation alone. The house and animals were sold immediately and a used Post Office walk-in truck became our camper and moving van.....



SELLING THE PONIES

Stay tuned...

THOUGHTS FROM THE BOARD



I had the privilege of serving on the staff of the Lay Ministry with Don Fladland, a long time Board member of The Wilderness. A phrase that I would often hear Don sharing was: "There is a need for the balance of the ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Spirit." I know

that both Dick and Randy would echo this same truth. The Apostle Paul underscores God's timeless truth in his Word in Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." and his timely truth from the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 5:18, "...but be filled with the Spirit."

An illustration that puts these two emphases together is that of flying a kite. The person holding the kite string is a picture of the timeless truth of God's Word in the Bible, and the kite blowing to and fro in the wind is a picture of the timely truths that the Holy Spirit applies to our lives.

As a Board member, let me encourage you when you come to The Wilderness, to a prayer cabin or to one of the other facilities, that you come to both enjoy feasting on God's Word, but also welcoming the personal insights that the Holy Spirit wants to give you, the ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Spirit.

- Dave Jore

PREPARE SERIES

MARRIAGE RETREAT
WITH TERRI & BARBI FRANKLIN
AUGUST 18 & 19, 2017



TERRI & BARBI FRANKLIN

This Marriage Retreat brings hope, restoration, inspiration, and encouragement to every marriage – the most intimate relationship we have on earth! You will experience laughter and tears, and mostly a new beginning and stronger foundation for a better marriage! Whether for maintenance or repair, every couple attending will find new inspiration and hope for their relationship.

The weekend will start Friday night, August 18, 2017, from 7:00pm-9:00pm with a special evening designed only for full-time or part-time ministry leaders and their spouses. Please come and be blessed by what they have prepared for you. **Registration is not required for Friday night.**

At 9:00am on Saturday, August 19, we will start the day with a continental breakfast. The marriage seminar will begin at 9:30am and end at 4:00pm. **Registration is required to know how to plan lunch and materials.** Please register on our website: www.wildernessfellowship.com/events, or by calling: 715-327-8564. There is a suggested donation for breakfast and lunch; please let us know when you register whether you will be eating with us.

Join us for a full concert Saturday evening, with Terry and Barbi. 7:00pm– 8:30pm. Come be a part of this great event! You will be blessed! **Registration is not required for this Saturday Night Worship Event.**

MAPLE SYRUP



We've just finished bottling up around 530 gallons of maple syrup from this year's crop! If you're interested in purchasing some, please stop by for a visit or give us a call at 715-327-8564.

WILDERNESS MAPLE SYRUP CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THESE LOCATIONS:

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WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS!



CERTIFICATE FOR 2ND PLACE
IN CALF WRESTLING

Midmorning of June 28th I tangled with one of my calves and took 2nd Place! After the calf bolted, my refusal to let it escape, a very painful crash where the 200-lb calf landed on top of me, a trip to the emergency room, CT scans and x-rays, and an overnight stay in the hospital, the results were 4 broken ribs, one being displaced, a bruised lung with a small hole, and lots of pain. The calf is fine!

You can imagine how difficult it is to sleep and to find some comfortable position, so I would appreciate your prayers for my quick healing. I ask prayer for wisdom, provision and protection for all of us here. I am so thankful for each one of the staff that the Lord has given me to carry the load during this 6-week healing time.

The take-away: next time, **JUST LET GO!** There's gotta be a sermon in that!

-Randy

GUEST FEEDBACK

"It was a blessing to be here. So calm, peaceful and amazing time alone with God. He kept telling me, 'Be still and know that I am God!'" – **LH**

"Thank you so much to Randy & TWFM staff. I can't wait to come back again." – **SE**

"Very powerful weekend. We will see you again in the future. Thank you for carrying on with the mission of The Wilderness Fellowship." – **S&AH**

"Thanks! Many prayers for you and yours. Boys had a fab time and we all learned more of our Good Shepherd and how much we need Him!" – **M&MR**

"The geocaching was a lot of fun – thanks! We greatly enjoyed our time at the Lakeside Cabin. Thank you!!" – **J&LW**

"Thank you for the blessing of the use of this cabin. God did so much in our hearts through the peace and retreat it provided." – **N&KK**

"Thank you for this place of rest. I will be back for sure." – **SE**



Besel Cabin Photo
by Ethan Deal

"Thank you again for this sanctuary that I can come to and find restoration. TWFM is one of my favorite places in the entire world; you've been such a gift to my family for so many years! God bless you!" – **MV**

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THRIVENT CHOICE

The Wilderness is now a participating organization in Thrivent Choice, a charitable grant program that allows eligible members of Thrivent Financial to recommend where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. If you have Choice Dollars available to direct, please consider directing to The Wilderness Fellowship.

To learn more, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 18TH AND 19TH – PREPARE SERIES – MARRIAGE RETREAT – TERRY AND BARBI FRANKLIN

The Franklins will be presenting 3 sessions, 1 on Friday night for ministry leaders and their spouses and 2 on Saturday. See details on page 4.

Please register on our website: www.wildernessfellowship.com/events

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 – PREPARE SERIES – DESTINY TRAINING – BRIAN FENIMORE

Do you want to grow in your faith, become a great follower and someone who can lead others? Do you want to seek God's best for your life? Do you want to learn what it takes, in practice and in spirit, to be a leader? If any of these are true, be sure to attend this seminar.

Please register on our website: www.wildernessfellowship.com/events

OCTOBER 21, 2017 – PREPARE SERIES – BEEKEEPING – MARK ADAMS

The A to Zs of beekeeping. Learn what it costs, how much space is needed, and the products you will need to start you own apiary. We will also learn about life cycles, health issues, and the biology of bees.

Please register on our website: www.wildernessfellowship.com/events

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