

REFRESHING TIMES

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Mission Statement

*To provide a place of refuge,
peace, restoration, and hope,
dedicated to help people estab-
lish intimacy with Jesus Christ
and those they love.*

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"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

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

AN OBJECT LESSON FROM GOD ON A COLD WINTER NIGHT!

It was a cold, late night in mid December. I had gone over to the Windy Hill Farm House to stoke the fire. We were getting close to finishing the rebuild after the fire. It would soon be done and back on line for guests, and we had to keep the fire going to dry the new Tamarack flooring that had just been sanded and sealed. Cure time is normally 6+ weeks, but that is when one can open the windows and let it cure. Winter is a different story. So, back to my story... I was walking back to my car after stoking the fire, when something caught my eye. The bottoms of my feet were glowing with every step. I wondered what that was, so I turned around, went back and again began to walk. At that point I was so fascinated, that I took out my camera and took pictures of my feet. I said, "Lord, what is this?" The Lord brought to my mind



the Bible verse, "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Again, I said, "Lord, what is this you are showing me?" He said, "That's the way it works!" Umm, in my mind I thought, "I could use a little more to go on, Lord." Then I realized what He was trying to show me. You see, I had left my car running, with the headlights on. As I walked back toward

my car, it was the light of the headlights that were reflecting off the bottom of my snow covered boots and to the ground, thus causing the light or glow.

This is a picture of what happens when we place the "Light" of God's word before us, and then purpose to walk into it! His Word is light and if we place it before us each day and literally walk into its light, it will light our path and each step. It will be a light to my path. I was so excited to "get it!" The Lord was encouraging me to set His Word ever before me and be steadfast to walk into it, and the light of its truth will in fact light each step I take. May you be encouraged to walk in the light of His Word each and every day and let His Word illuminate your path and light every step.

FARM HOUSE UPDATE

After 301 days of tear down and rebuilding, the Windy Hill Farm House is back up and running full speed ahead. Groups are overjoyed with the improvements and how it



all looks. One group that has used it for nearly 20 years were not sure what to expect when they came a few weekends ago and upon entering, cheers went up along with hollers and yeah!! The website is



now showing new pictures of the facility, with more coming on as we can get them taken. Thank you for your patience with this long project. Big thanks to all who worked to put it all back together! A job well done!

WILDERNESS WORSHIP NIGHTS



Something new that God is using to bring together believers in this area is the Wilderness Worship Nights. Each month this is growing with 80 in attendance for the Christmas Worship Night. What a joy to celebrate Jesus and worship our King of Kings together with people from all walks of life. Last month I had one man come up to me who was so excited about this and said they had been waiting for over a month for this night to come. He then said something that I didn't expect. "Thank you for providing Bibles for a local jail ministry. It is a powerful way you are touching lives." What a joy to meet this man and hear his testimony. Worshiping together here on earth is a dress rehearsal for heaven! Wow! How cool is that? We are also live streaming the worship nights on our facebook page for those that live too far away to attend. Make sure to check it out!

MERCY CABIN UPDATE

The Mercy Prayer Cabin is on the launch pad. Well, sort of anyway. The



footings are all in and will soon have a floor and walls reaching for the sky. It is possible that this cabin could be ready for use in early summer. We will keep you posted as to how it's coming.

COULD PRAYER CABIN #7 HAPPEN THIS YEAR AS WELL?

Did God happen to put on your heart a desire to build a prayer cabin here at TWF? Well, with the eyes of faith I can see that #7 could be done and in service by the end of 2018, even though #6 is not yet done. Is anything too difficult for God? God is using the prayer cabin ministry to be a huge blessing to all who come. This is a unique ministry that the Lord began raising up in 1990 and we are seeing a growing need for more prayer cabins as people seek a place to get away with the Lord and rest in His presence. Just think of the legacy that can be put in place and left for generations to experience this kind of meeting place with Jesus! Please pray about being a part of God's great provision of yet another new prayer cabin.

SYRUPPING 2018

No one knows what the syrup season will look like. Anyone who has done syrrupping on a bigger scale has an idea of how much work it is. It's getting harder for this old man to run around in the woods to clear and check lines and

listen for leaks. 1200 taps need to go in and leaks fixed. Please pray for minimal winter and animal damage, and that we will have a really good season. Then we also could use workers to help us process wood for 2019 and beyond. Let us know if you want to help in any way and we will see what is needing to be done. Also, we pretty much only market the syrup through you, our guests, and your circle of friends, so thank you for helping us move our product out the door. Syrup makes great gifts year round and ya know, Christmas will be here before you know it!

- 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.

Did you know? PART IX

By Dick Klawitter, Founder of TWFM



Those of you who read Part 8 "Did you know?" and saw the picture of the Bible School and the house "For Rent", knew that this is the place that God had reserved for our family to live for my first year of Bible School.

My second year, we lived in an "on campus" family home, a very special provision for our family of 5, who had NO idea how God would provide for us when we left our new home in Blaine, MN. Why do I believe that the Holy Spirit is prompting me to share with you in such a detailed way? I don't want to bore you, but want to impress you with the fact that our Heavenly Father is interested in guiding and providing for His children. Take a look at Proverbs 3:5-6. Claim the promises of God's word in your daily walk and talk. He is Faithful... Great is thy Faithfulness.....Learn it and sing it! He will bless you!!



BIBLE SCHOOL CLASSMATES



DICK AND LOIS AT THE WILDERNESS

On with our journey..... My years in Bible School were very rewarding, challenging and faith stretching for me and my family. We were one of two families on the campus with joyful, exuberant college-age young adults, who kept us young at heart and gave us opportunity to share with them our stories of God's faithfulness, opportunities and the need to be grounded in God's word as the song says "Standing on the promises of Christ my King" 2 Peter 1:3-12 (Please look up the scripture now.) I will tell you next time how my Bible School young adult classmates and teachers were a big influence in my life for what God had planned for me in preparation for the beginning years of The Wilderness Fellowship Ministries. Can you find me in the picture of my classmates? Or someone else you recognize?

PS. "Did you know?" ... We do get snow at TWFM!!! 1991 or thereabouts. Wow!!

Wilderness MAPLE SYRUP

O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD. PSALM 34:8

**WILDERNESS MAPLE SYRUP CAN BE PURCHASED AT
THE WILDERNESS AND AT THESE LOCATIONS:**

*WURDEMANN CHIROPRACTIC IN NORTH BRANCH, MN
SYREN GENERAL STORE IN SIREN, WI*



THE MAIDEN VOYAGE

BY STEPHANIE DUDLEY

My first words as I entered the Windy Hill Farm House were, "Wow, oh wow!" That was pretty much the same reaction my whole family had upon arriving the next day.

You see, this was the first Christmas we have had together in 15 years. After my 25 years of living in addiction, I have finally found sobriety, being clean for 3 ½ years. God chose this year to fully restore the relationship between my mother and myself, as well as reunite me with my 16-year-old daughter. I just knew it was going to be a special Christmas, but only God could reveal just how special.

Driving in to the Prepare Series event in September, God spoke to me and said, "You should have Christmas here." Well, that was all I needed to put my Christmas plan into action. After talking with some people that day, I went away knowing I just had to be in the Farm House for Christmas. I made reservations (for another cabin), praying the Farm House would open. They were sure it would be ready well before then. As the days ticked by, I checked the website, waiting for news that it had been opened. This whole time several of my friends and I are praying away! Finally a few days before I am due to arrive, I get a phone call telling me it's going to be available for me; they are finishing it on the Friday I arrive. Well, when I checked in I learned that they actually finished 10 minutes before I got there! Now that's God's perfect timing!

So, into the Farm House we went, up went the tree, a turkey dinner was cooked, lots of laughter was shared, along with a few tears, some sledding was done, presents were unwrapped, and a wonderful time was had by all!

I couldn't have done this without God's grace and mercy and all the wonderful loving people at The Wilderness Fellowship Ministries!

NEEDS LIST

PRAYER

Wisdom, Provision, Protection, God's favor for building and ministry opportunities, growth, God's glory to be first and foremost at TWFM.

PRAY WITH US FOR:

- Video Equipment- Camera and capture card for computer - **\$3800**
- ~~Keyboard needed~~ — Casio PX5S- for worship nights. - ~~\$1000~~ **Need Met!**
- Continued general fund support
- "The Covering" still needed to provide protection for firewood processing and storage of said perishable firewood, equipment, hay, etc. - **\$60,000**
- Forklift still needed to manage things in the Maintenance Center and "The Covering" when the Lord provides that. Propane powered with pneumatic tires, 3 stage mast and 4000lb or greater capacity.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed for cutting and splitting firewood, reshingling Timothy Cabin and other various projects. Check out our "Volunteer" page on our website and let us know if you can help out!

EMAIL UPDATES AVAILABLE SIGN UP TODAY!

Keep up to speed with what's happening at The Wilderness! Any new needs, special events or Prepare Series information is sent out via our email list.

It's easy to sign up!

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enter your name and email and
click "keep me informed".

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GUEST FEEDBACK

"I can't believe how peaceful it has been and all the hard work and little details you provide to make this a homey and welcoming place! God bless you richly!" – **KK**

"I had a wonderful refreshing time. I was desperately in need of some time of silence/solitude spent with the Lord. I am very grateful for this ministry." – **MR**

"The solitude provided supports intimacy with our Lord in the richest way. Thank you." – **GF**

"Thank you so much for the lovely place to stay. May God bless you as you minister to many people in such a God honoring setting." – **DS**

"Thank you so much for creating such a beautiful environment for solitude with the Lord. He truly spoke 'tenderly' to me here." – **NN**

"The beauty and simplicity of this retreat has been filling! We were able to 'hear' the Lord's voice more clearly. Thank you for making this place a renewal and rest." – **G&CH**



Besel Cabin Photo
by Ethan Deal

"What an incredible time I had with the Lord. Thank you so much. As a young pastor, it was needed!" – **JK**

"My faith walk went from good to great because of this stay at The Wilderness prayer cabin. I praise the Lord for your special ministry in this lovely, still setting." – **LE**

PERSONALIZED GIFT CERTIFICATES

Suggestions:

Pastors, Friends, Family, Wedding Gift, Anniversaries



Gift Certificates may be purchased online or by mail. Please follow instructions on our website.

www.wildernessfellowship.com

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ONLINE GIVING

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MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Check with your Human Resource office at your work place to find out if they will match gifts you make to non-profit organizations such as TWFM.

THRIVENT CHOICE

Thrivent Financial members: this is a charitable grant program that allows you to recommend where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable funds. Please consider directing to The Wilderness Fellowship. Visit thriventchoice.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 17TH, 2018 – PREPARE SERIES – 10AM TO 4PM - BRIAN FENIMORE

Is the topic of Spiritual Gifts confusing? During this seminar Brian will be taking biblical examples and a biblical approach on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Then he will help us learn how to flow in the gifts of the Spirit. Please register on our website: www.wildernessfellowship.com/events

APRIL 1ST, 2018 – EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – 6:30 AM

Join us for our Easter Sunrise service and enjoy some breakfast with us afterwards at the Fellowship Center.

APRIL 21ST, 2018 – PREPARE SERIES – 10AM TO 4PM - MARK AND KATHY STRANDJORD

Mark and Kathy Strandjord, Spirit of Hope Ministries, will be teaching on how to naturally present Christ's gospel in many different settings. They will also teach and impart gifts of healing and words of knowledge. There will be a time of activating and practicing these gifts.

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

MAY 19TH, 2018 – PREPARE SERIES - 10AM TO 4PM – PRACTICAL FIRST AID

Caylin Muehlberg (EMT) and Katie Tewalt (Paramedic) will be teaching us about practical first aid.

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

MAY 25TH – 28TH, 2018 – MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

More details to follow on our website.

WILDERNESS WORSHIP NIGHTS – 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH – 7PM

Join us every third Saturday at 7pm for a night of worship! No preaching, no agenda, just worship.

UPDATES TO ALL TWFM EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE EVENTS CALENDAR
ON OUR WEBSITE; SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

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