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Newsletter



Experience Transformation at Camp: A Season of Growth and Renewal

At National Covenant Properties (NCP), we are honored to support ministries that create lasting spiritual impact. This edition of our newsletter highlights two incredible camp ministries—Covenant Pines in Minnesota and Mission Springs in California—both dedicated to providing life-changing experiences through faith, community, and the beauty of God’s creation.

Covenant Pines Ministries offers a variety of programs that guide individuals and families toward a deeper relationship with Christ, while Mission Springs continues its legacy of transformation through children and youth camps, retreats, and educational programs. Each of these ministries serves as a gateway for people to encounter God in a powerful way, fostering faith decisions and lifelong connections.

Through our ongoing partnerships, NCP provides the financial resources needed to sustain and expand these vital ministries. We are grateful to be part of their journey and excited to see how God will continue to work through these sacred spaces. Read on to discover how these camps are making a difference and how you can support their mission!

YOU INVEST. WE LEND. **MINISTRY GROWS.**



PETER HEDSTROM
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL COVENANT PROPERTIES

Is your future youth leader, pastor, or church planter attending a Covenant camp this summer?

Going to camp brings back wonderful memories of having fun with friends from church, meeting new friends from other churches, learning about many meaningful stories in the Bible, and enjoying purposeful experiences in a beautiful location by a lake or wooded area.

In our younger and formative years, both my wife and I had the opportunity to attend Covenant camps. Just as our parents encouraged us to spend a week at camp each summer, we also passed on the appreciation for life-lasting camp experiences to our children. They all enjoyed many fun and life changing days at some of our Covenant camps in Minnesota.

I am confident that many of you who are reading this newsletter have fond memories from one of our 19 Covenant camps. We are fortunate to have access to so many wonderful camp locations offering a time for fun, connection, rest, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Going to camp is truly a unique experience that I am very grateful for, and as Covenanters we gladly pass this extraordinary opportunity on from generation to generation.

Recently, I was challenged by Ed Stetzer, an author, pastor, and missiologist, about the state of the church in the United States. Through a recent Barna study, we learned that Christian identity and the importance of religious faith are in decline. While those disappointing facts are true, I was encouraged when Mr. Stetzer said that “there is a rising spiritual openness, especially among young people.”

As I reflect on his statement, I am wondering what we should do about this apparently opportune moment for the church. Are we embracing this search for meaning and purpose by the next generation? While we may never know what impact a week at camp will have on a child or teenager, I would encourage all of us to invest in the future. Collectively, we can influence and shape tomorrow’s leaders, maybe even Covenant worship leaders, youth pastors, or sought after Covenant church planters.

On behalf of our team and investors at NCP, I would like to say thank you to all our Covenant camp leaders and counselors. We pray that it will be another great year to encourage, inspire, and develop our youth and next generation of Covenanters. Keep up the wonderful ministry. You may be counseling a future Covenant leader or church planter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Real Estate Training

May 2, 2025

Great Lakes Conference
Annual Meeting

Financial & Real Estate Training

August 2, 2025

Pacific SW Conference
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October 4, 2025

Midwest Conference
Denver Area





COVENANT PINES Ministries

Covenant Pines Ministries in McGregor, Minnesota, is dedicated to helping individuals and families take the next step in their faith journey. Through our ministry partnership, we provide financial resources that enable Covenant Pines to grow and thrive, ensuring their mission continues for generations to come.

Covenant Pines Ministries encompasses two properties and four distinct ministry centers:

- Covenant Pines Bible Camp has been drawing youth and families into a deeper relationship with Christ since 1954.
- Adventurous Christians provides a Christian environment where people encounter God in the wilderness.
- Silver Beach Family Area provides a space for families to experience the community of Christ together in the beauty of northern Minnesota.
- Covenant Pines Off Site strives to bring a fun and engaging experience to the Twin Cities and other areas.

Each of these centers serves as an entry point to one shared mission: encouraging campers to take the next step in their Christian faith. Covenant Pines is a vital connecting point for communities in the Twin Cities and beyond, creating spaces where faith is deepened and lives are transformed.

For over nine years, Executive Director Dave Cairns has led Covenant Pines Ministries with a heart for ministry and a deep personal connection to the camp. His vision and leadership continue to strengthen the impact of this ministry, and we at NCP are honored to be part of their journey.

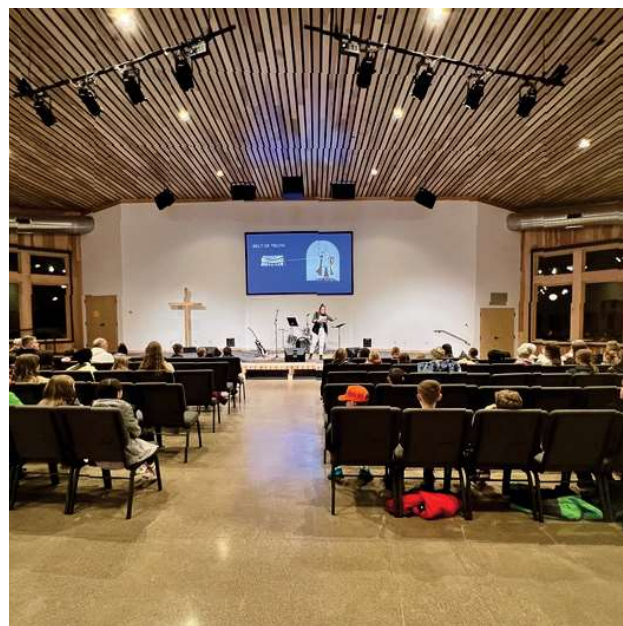
Covenant Pines operates throughout the year, serving groups in every season. To sustain and expand their mission, financial support and strategic partnerships are essential. That's where NCP steps in.



Instead of seeking funding from a traditional bank, Covenant Pines has chosen to partner with us. Through a longstanding relationship with Rollie Persson, vice president of Real Estate Services at NCP, we've been able to provide lending solutions tailored to their needs. Rollie's lifelong relationship with Covenant Pines adds a unique personal connection, giving our team a deep understanding of their ministry and vision.

With financial support from NCP, Covenant Pines was able to secure a loan for a new ministry center—an investment that ensures they are well-prepared for the future. As Dave Cairns shares, “NCP has been great; they are friendly lenders that support our ministry.”

At NCP we love to empower ministries like Covenant Pines, providing access to resources that align with their faith and calling. We are grateful to partner with organizations that share our commitment to advancing the kingdom of God. A partnership rooted in faith by working together, Covenant Pines and NCP continue to build a foundation for future generations to encounter Christ. We look forward to seeing how God will use this ministry in the years to come and are thankful for the opportunity to support its mission.





Embracing Transformation Through Faith and Nature

At Mission Springs, there is always excitement about the work God is doing in and through their ministry. From children and youth camps to men's and women's retreats, lives are being transformed as people experience the presence of God in a sacred, Christ-honoring place.

A Summer of Faith and Leadership

Frontier Ranch, the children and youth camp at Mission Springs, has had a powerful experience this year. Hundreds of children and youth have made faith decisions, whether for the first time or as a renewal of their commitment to Christ. These moments are not just fleeting but are laying the foundation for future leadership, helping young hearts cultivate skills that will impact their faith journey for years to come.

Throughout the year, groups continue to experience the beauty and serenity of Mission Springs. As Executive Director Chuck Wysong says, "We create a sacred, Christ-honoring place where people can experience the presence of God and leave with a transformed life through Jesus Christ."

Looking Up, Looking Around, and Finding Renewal

The towering redwoods surrounding the camp serve as a daily reminder of God's grandeur. They encourage everyone who visits to pause, look up, and not lose sight of the wonder of God's creation. Keeping your eyes open is a way to look out for each other, taking care of both the campgrounds and the community.

One pastor who attended a recent men's retreat shared, "Thank you and your team for a great men's retreat. I'm grateful for the opportunity to share this place with them. The worship was inspiring—I hated for it to end." This sentiment reflects the heart of what Mission Springs is all about: creating a space for spiritual renewal and deep connection.

Science and Faith Intersect at 5th Grade Camp

One of their many impactful programs is the California Science Camp for 5th graders. Over the course of 3–4 days, students are led by a team of naturalists who introduce them to the wonder of creation. This year, 3,000 students, including 50% from lower-income families, will attend. Removed from their daily routines, kids form bonds and experience nature in a way that only camp can provide.



A Team United by Mission

Mission Springs is blessed with an incredible staff at all levels, working together to ensure that lives are changed by Christ through this ministry. Their staff is motivated not just by a job but by a mission—a calling to make a difference through Christ.

Retreats, Celebrations, and a Century of Ministry

The calendar is packed with opportunities for spiritual growth. From Covenant Family Camp over the 4th of July, to two impactful men's retreats, large women's retreats in the fall, as well as junior high and high school camps and retreats, there are countless ways to experience community and renewal at Mission Springs.

As they approach their 100th anniversary in 2026, Mission Springs is reflecting on the ministry, mission, and beauty of this incredible place. From the adventure of the ropes course to the peacefulness of the ocean waves during surfing excursions, every experience serves their primary goal: introducing and reintroducing Jesus to all who come.

Investing in the Future

Dave Hanson, director of finance, said, "Our long-standing partnership with Rollie Persson and NCP has been instrumental in sustaining and growing our ministry. This collaboration has supported financial needs, from utilizing lines of credit to purchasing an excavator for forest management and camp projects. Recent initiatives include refinancing our office buildings, ensuring that our 100-year-old facility remains strong for generations to come."

Last year's major renovation of Laurel Lodge improved accessibility for differently abled campers, a step toward making Mission Springs an inclusive place for all. As they continue to build and grow, they remain committed to providing a Christ-centered environment where lives are changed, faith is strengthened, and God's creation is celebrated.



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