



WINTER 2024

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CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

*Whether therefore ye eat,  
or drink, or whatsoever ye do,  
do all to the glory of God.*

— 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31



# Hope

This past August, we concluded our 56th summer season at The Wilds of North Carolina. Each summer has had a staff that has a wonderful mixture of new staff plus staff that stretched the staff experience to “just one more summer.” Some staffers have stretched that “one more summer” to multiple summers, and some have stretched from serving on summer staff to seasonal staff and even full-time staff ministry. The blessing has been spread among The Wilds of North Carolina, The Wilds of New England, The Wilds of the Rockies (for 17 wonderful years, and is still yielding eternal benefits), and for a few uniquely called ones, CampsAbroad (which has blazed the trail in over 50 countries worldwide since 2001). Don’t forget the hundreds of weeks and weekend camps sandwiched into fall, winter, and spring during all those years! God has been so gracious to allow me to be present for almost all of them. I am so thankful for how the Lord has used the ministry for His glory! **We are filled with hope that God will allow many more years of blessings on The Wilds ministry by His grace,** because we hope in Him!

Hope is not an afterthought or an uncertainty of the future. It is one of the foundations of our training at each camp. God has put hope in every believer’s heart. Hope that His fulfilled promises in the past means there is a guarantee of change and difference in hearts who believe in and follow His Word today! **Hope** means “what God has promised and done in the past, guarantees that He will be strong to do the same in the future! He will do what He says He will do.” (*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.* Romans 5:13)

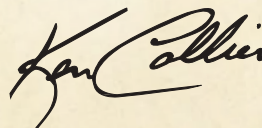
Since 1969, God has taken a group of growing Christians and built them into useful servants competent to handle

His Word accurately. The great opportunity is that they have been trained to reach and give hope to their own generation! They know that they are able to make a difference by giving God’s Truth to the ones around them. (*That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.* Ephesians 2:12) The training is all about receiving and giving biblical hope. We need that more than ever today!

At the 55-year point of this journey with The Wilds staff—past and present—what do I see as the future for the staff and campers of The Wilds of North Carolina, The Wilds of New England, and CampsAbroad? As we stay faithful, I see hope for the same!

Thank you to those who have encouraged and challenged us to have a hopeful spirit because you have faithfully supported, given godly advice, come to the rescue (most recently with Hurricane Helene) and volunteered at the camps for thousands of days and hours. And thank you, Parents, for allowing that to happen! Thanks to the many Board members and the supporting pastors who have helped us keep the course in God’s wisdom. We have hope for those whom we get to serve until Christ returns as King! Echoing the Apostle Paul in Titus 1:2: *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.*

Have a Christ-centered Season,



Ken Collier  
Camp Coach





NEW

### ***Great Things He Has Done***

God alone is supreme and the Creator of all. We acknowledge His Majesty and greatness by giving Him the honor, glory, and praise that He rightfully deserves. Great Things He Has Done is a fresh arrangement of the beloved hymn “To God Be the Glory” which will be sure to cause each listener to praise the Lord and rejoice over His countless wonderful works!

### **Great Things He Has Done**

Words by Fanny Crosby

Music by William Doane

Arranged by Molly Ijames

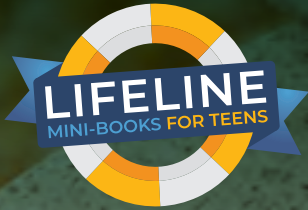
Duet: Matt & Christy Taylor

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NEW SINGLE JUST RELEASED



# OUR NEWEST PUBLICATION



## LIFELINE MINI-BOOKS

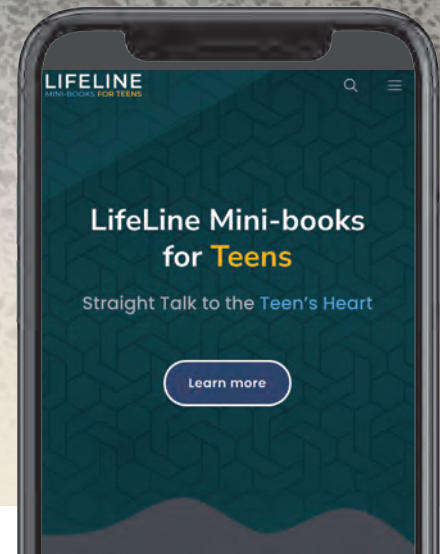
The issues teens face in today's world can be troubling. The Wilds has teamed with Shepherd Press to create mini-books written with those issues in mind and intended to provide biblical counsel that connects directly with a teen's heart.

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NEW

### Help! I Want to Know the Bible

Announcing our latest mini-book in the collection on the subject of desiring to know God's Word.







# WE HAD A GREAT TIME CATCHING UP WITH FRIENDS

At The Wilds Former Staff Open House!



SEE US ON FACEBOOK

More details on our **Former Staff Facebook** page.



# AFTER THE STORM

**Blessed be the LORD**, because He hath heard the voice of my supplications. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will **I praise Him**.

**Psalms 28:6-7**







We're  
**ALWAYS**  
cooking  
something  
up in the

**DINING HALL**

**MONDAY**  
FEBRUARY  
**24**

## SAVE THE DATE:

**Fundraising Dinner  
in Greenville, South Carolina**

Monday, February 24, 2025  
at The Younts Center, Furman University



## MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Questions? Contact: [events@wilds.org](mailto:events@wilds.org)



# SPRING



Mendoza



Spicer



Johnson



Knight



Berg



Wiley



Sivnksty



Reimers



Taylor



Hummel

SIGN UP TODAY

# 2025 CAMPS

Hispanic Family Weekend Camp (Friday-Sunday)

**March 28-30**

Spring Family Weekend Camp (Friday-Sunday)

**April 25-27**

College & Career Retreat (Friday-Sunday)

**March 21-23**

Sweetheart Overnight Getaway (Friday-Saturday)

**February 14-15**

Couples' Conference (Friday-Sunday)

**May 2-4**

Men's Retreat (Friday-Saturday)

**February 28-March 1**

Father/Son Campout (Friday-Saturday)

**May 2-3**

Ladies' Retreats (Friday-Saturday)

**April 4-5 & April 11-12**

Senior Adult Conference (Tuesday-Friday)

**April 8-11**

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# GIVING HOPE TO TEENS

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SHEPHERDING THE HEART OF YOUR TEENS

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**YOUTH WORKERS'**  
CONFERENCE

TUESDAY-FRIDAY | MARCH 4-7, 2025

Please join us for The Wilds Youth Workers' Conference. This year's theme is: "Shepherding the Heart of your Teens." Along with valuable and instructive sessions, there is much time to fellowship, pray, and engage with others who share in your burden to guide the hearts of young people.





SIGN UP TODAY

# 2025 SENIOR CLASS TRIPS

## PROGRAMS FOR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

As graduation approaches and critical transitions loom, Seniors are often more open and responsive to spiritual things. Take advantage of an incredibly teachable time in a high school Senior's life!

The Wilds is ready to help you help them. The Senior Class Trip is a fantastic package offering high exposure to biblical truth plus the action and excitement Seniors want in a class trip. The option-filled schedule hits the balance between relaxation and excitement with unique activities, a whitewater rafting adventure (supervised by experienced guides), and exceptional food. All of this is included in one very affordable price.

God has used this program to change the lives of Seniors from all around the country. Join us for an impacting Senior Class Trip!

### Program Times

Check-in:.....3:00-5:00 p.m. Monday  
Program begins: ..... 6:00 p.m. Monday with supper  
Program ends:.....8:00 a.m. Friday after breakfast

### Available Dates

March 31-April 4	April 28-May 2
April 14-18	May 5-9
April 21-25	May 12-16



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# Homeschool Chapel LIVESTREAM

If you are homeschooled and craving a healthy dose of God's Word in the middle of your school day, then join our **livestreamed homeschool chapels** every Wednesday at 11am EST from September through May. We will take approximately 30 minutes to dig into a passage of the Bible together. We are excited to share the Truth of God with the love of God, so that your life can be changed to the glory of God.



Join us on Wednesdays • 11:00 am ET • September – May

## Frequently Asked QUESTIONS

Q What age group is this designed for?

A This is designed for teenagers in Grades 7-12, but anyone is welcome to join us!

Q When can I join the livestream?

A You will be able to join the livestream 5-10 minutes before 11:00 am ET.

Q Is there anything I can continue to do after each chapel?

A Yes! The "homework form" is a great way to apply and think about the lesson that you just streamed. It is an option under the video that contains 3-4 follow up questions.

Q How do I sign up for Homeschool Chapel?

A Visit [thewildsofnewengland.org/chapel](http://thewildsofnewengland.org/chapel) to sign up for a weekly reminder.

Q If I missed the livestream, can I still watch the video?

A Yes! The video will be available for one week after it airs. Every Wednesday the new livestream will replace the previous week's video.

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TEENS	Register	Price
	By February 4, 2025.....	\$395
	By March 4, 2025.....	\$410
	After March 4, 2025 .....	\$425

JBC	Register	Price
	By February 4, 2025.....	\$385
	By March 4, 2025.....	\$399
	After March 4, 2025 .....	\$415

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## 2025 Summer Pricing



TEENS	Register	Price
	By March 4, 2025.....	\$395
	By April 1, 2025.....	\$410
	After April 1, 2025 .....	\$425

JUNIORS	Register	Price
	By March 4, 2025.....	\$385
	By April 1, 2025.....	\$399
	After April 1, 2025 .....	\$415

LEARN MORE







# SPEND YOUR **SUMMER** SERVING WITH US!

## SUMMER STAFF AT THE WILDS

- Starts May 24 and ends August 9, 2025
- Need Counselors and Operational Staff
- Staff from at least 25 different colleges
- Weekly small group Bible study and discussion
- All staff equipped with counseling tools
- Participate in choirs and orchestra

## QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be a year out of high school and/or have completed our CIT program.

**HEAR TESTIMONIES  
FROM SUMMER STAFF**  
[wilds.org/summer](http://wilds.org/summer)

QUESTIONS? **SEND US AN EMAIL.**

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