



A MINISTRY OF GMA

Hello Friends and Family of Camp Greenwood,

"I met a little girl named Precious. While on a walk one day, she said, "is this flower God's?" "Yes" I replied. "Am I God's?" she asked. "YES" I replied, "Forever and forever." I will NEVER forget the way her eyes lit up as that truth settled into her soul. That is Greenwood." -Tami Chalmers Camp Greenwood Counselor '92, '93, Program Director '94

Personally, I have many stories much like this one: where lives have been changed by God through the ministry at Camp Greenwood. Recently, I have also received many other stories from those who have ministered here in the past. Camp Greenwood is much like a church in many ways; our objective is the same: to bring people to Christ. To do that we both show love, compassion, and acceptance. We both commune in worship, prayer, and study the Bible together in order to create growth and a relationship with God and each other.

Our experience here is impossible to replicate in your traditional church setting. Children, youth, and adults have the opportunity to come and leave behind all the "stuff" others know them by and to just be in a space where they know they are loved and cherished by God. They have the opportunity to hear God's voice in the vast untouched environment that is his creation. The opportunity to see the amazing works of our Lord throughout the glory and splendor that surrounds them and, through all of that, grow closer to God. In short, their lives are changed forever.



Deer visiting Northpoint '18



Path to Chapel in the Pines '18

Some of these experiences have brought members into the Presbytery of Lake Michigan (me, for example), and have even been a vital part in leading people into their profession of ministry. That is Greenwood.

On Dec, 4th 2018 at First Presbyterian of Grand Haven a recommendation from the Greenwood Administrative Commission (GAC) will come forth to be voted on by the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.

Their current preliminary recommendation is to sell all land known as Camp Greenwood.

If you would like a copy of this report it can be found at the [Presbytery of Lake Michigan Website](#). GMA's response can be found [here](#). Regional meetings were held to hear from the Presbytery. If you were unable to make it to one of those meetings but wish to comment on this topic by November 9th, please send an email to Rev. Cal Bremer, Moderator of the GAC @ cbremer07@gmail.com and feel free to CC me @ jake@campgreenwood.org.

Camp Greenwood has been a vital part in so many people's faith journeys and formative in relationship with God, and I pray that we continue to get the chance to allow God to work through this amazing slice of heaven. Thank you for being a part of this journey whether it be by your donations, volunteering your time, or your prayers. Our mantra for the summer staff this year was "God's Got This" and I truly believe that God does. And as said on our Faith Walks, "God will always lead you through the darkness".

As Always, Camp Greenwood Forever!

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