

# 2025 SEPTEMBER

# HILLTOPICS

"Where Christ and a great time go together!"

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



September brings a new season with cooler weather and fall leaves are right around the corner. Fall is one of my favorite times of year with the cooler days and nights plus all the vibrant colors of the leaves. The changing of the seasons brings the end to some things, like summer flowers and warm days, but always leads to new things in the future. Without some change, new things can't begin. Everything must go through seasons and change for fresh beginnings. The same is true for us, we sometimes need to go through difficult times in our lives, times of change, even times of hardship. Throughout all those times we are not alone.

Deuteronomy 31:6 tells us:

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

*Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"*

While changes and different seasons can be difficult, we know that through all of it, God is with us. God never promised life would be easy, but he did promise he would always be with us. And I especially love what Paul tells us in *Romans 8:28: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* In everything, we know **God is with us!**

Thank you for supporting Hilltop. You are a huge part of everything that happens at camp and we couldn't do everything we do without your support.

Living 10 for 2!

Blessings in Christ,

Ryan Croft

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Last summer, one of our high school campers made a simple walking stick and asked every other boy and male faculty member to sign it in Sharpie. They called it the "Dude Stick," and it became a symbol of friendship, faith, and brotherhood. This summer, that same camper returned for his final year before graduation—carrying the Dude Stick with him. He added the names of all the boys who weren't here last year, then on the last day of camp, he gathered the guys together. With heartfelt words, he challenged them to be men who follow the Lord. Then he "passed on" the Dude Stick to another camper, charging him to carry it this year, collect more names, and challenge the next generation to stay strong in Christ. Every man and boy at camp formed a giant, sweaty huddle and prayed over the new stick-bearer—ending with the deepest, gravel-voiced "AMEN" you've ever heard. That tradition—the bonds of faith, the leadership, the encouragement—started because you made camp possible for them. Thank you for investing in moments that change young men's lives!

**Come Home to Hilltop  
to celebrate!**



# **ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER & FUNDRAISER**

**THURSDAY, OCT. 9TH 6-8PM OR  
FRIDAY, OCT. 10TH 6-8PM**



**JOIN SPECIAL GUEST: MATT FORE,  
COMEDIAN & MAGICIAN**

GET DETAILS AT  
[HILLTOPCHRISTIANCAMP.COM](http://HILLTOPCHRISTIANCAMP.COM)

**COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT & FOOD**

*A camp update - plans for the future of camp and how it is growing - will be presented.  
During the evening you will be asked to partner with Hilltop financially to further the ministry of camp.*

### **Ways you can get involved.**

- **Table Sponsor**— Sponsor a table through your business, or personally for \$60/table (\$1,080/night). You/your business will be featured in our program each night.
- **Table Host**— Commit to invite 6 individuals to attend the banquet with you that you believe would like to donate to further the mission of Hilltop.
- **Attend**— Reserve a seat for yourself to come and enjoy an evening with us.
- **Promote** — Promote this event and Hilltop Christian Camp in your church and community.

*Scan the QR code above, go to [hilltopchristiancamp.com](http://hilltopchristiancamp.com), or call 812.988.4991 to get more details to sponsor or host a table for the evening.*



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## **ANNUAL MEETING of Members Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

*Dinner at 5:30 ~ Meeting at 6:15*

**RSVP for the meeting at  
[hilltopchristiancamp.com](http://hilltopchristiancamp.com), call the camp  
office at 812.988.4991 or email  
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