

Completed just before Memorial Day, the new camp sign welcomes all to God's Mountain. *Photo courtesy Pat Coppinger*

## YBC seeking caretaker

The Board of Trustees of Yosemite Bible Camp is seeking a caretaker. The position is caretaker in charge of maintenance and operations. The person chosen should have a general background in these areas. The person chosen should also be able to provide for the majority of their financial support. A house and utilities are provided. Interested persons should contact Grady Billington. *Email Attention: Grady Billington, Elder* [sunsetavenuechurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetavenuechurchofchrist@gmail.com)

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## Projects include upper house facelift

**T**HANK YOU, volunteers and caretakers, for continuing to make YBC better and better! According to caretaker Ray Martin, projects completed over the past months include:

1. Rick White completely remodeled the kitchen bathroom in McNeely Dining Hall, including flooring, drywall, painting, re-piping and new fixtures.
2. Rick White, Ray Martin, and Conner Olmsted removed old carpet and tile flooring in the entire upper caretakers' house. Rick, with help from Conner, installed Pergo flooring in the living room, dining room and kitchen. Rick also installed ceramic tile in the bathrooms. Carpet was installed in three bedrooms. Alex and Sydney Aguirre, with help from their parents, cleaned and painted the whole house.
3. The large double pine tree near Seagraves Hall Arts and Crafts Building had to be removed because roots were causing damage to the concrete floor and foundation. The contractor cut the trees into 18" rounds for future splitting.
4. The float valve on the water storage tank was replaced and relocated from top to side of tank.

**New website! [yosemitebiblecamp.com](http://yosemitebiblecamp.com)**

## YODEL Editor needed



**L**ong-time editor resigning! If you are interested in serving as the new editor for the Yodel, please send an email to [yodeleditor@gmail.com](mailto:yodeleditor@gmail.com) for information.

The Yodel is issued twice a year. The 2015 Spring issue should go to print in April.



# FRIENDS OF YBC

Friends of YBC  
**Holiday Luncheon and Boutique**  
 Yosemite Falls Cafe  
 Ashlan at 99  
**Sat., Dec. 13, 2014**  
 11 am — 2 pm  
 Lunch 11:30 am

Tri-tip  
 Rice Pilaf  
 Veggies  
 Salad  
 Soft Drink

## Golf Fundraiser Planned

Judy's soup kitchen and boutique was a huge hit again this year! They made over \$3000 and the women involved sold many of their homemade table-runners, aprons, jams, jellies and arts and crafts, as well as Christmas photos by Pat Coppinger. The community was thrilled to see that they were back again!! They really missed them last year and a good number of them attended both days.



We will be having a "Golf Event Fundraiser" in the Fresno area in the Spring!! We are very excited about it and it is sure to be a huge success. Please stay tuned for more information on where, when and how to reserve your spot to participate as a golfer or on how you can go about donating if you don't want to golf. If

you are interested in helping please contact myself or Sylvia White. If you have any questions concerning this event just let me know.

*Donna Boyd, President*



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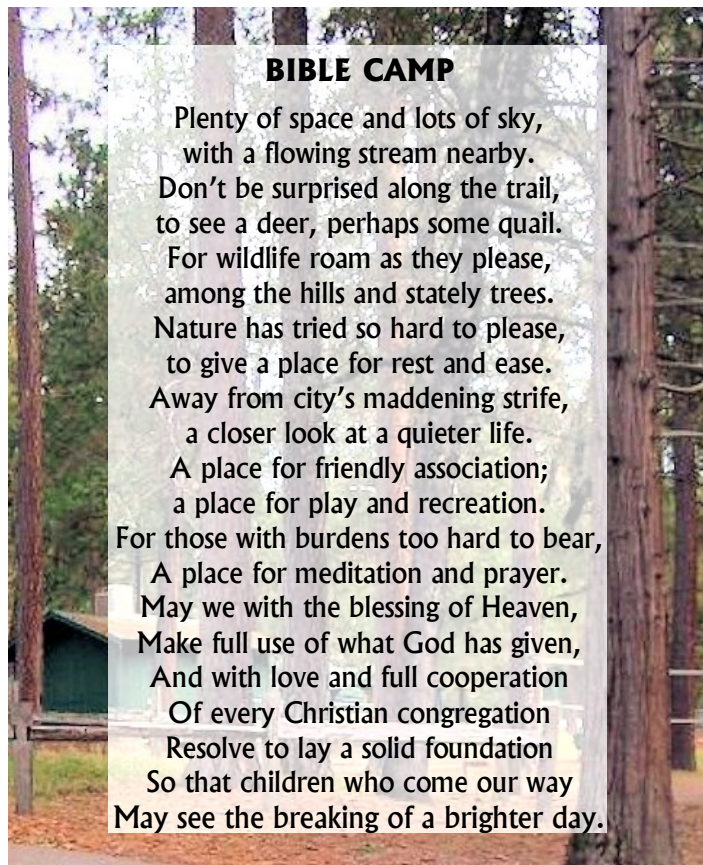
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Back issues of the YODEL may be viewed on the camp's website,

**www.yosemitebiblecamp.com**

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### BIBLE CAMP

Plenty of space and lots of sky,  
 with a flowing stream nearby.  
 Don't be surprised along the trail,  
 to see a deer, perhaps some quail.  
 For wildlife roam as they please,  
 among the hills and stately trees.  
 Nature has tried so hard to please,  
 to give a place for rest and ease.  
 Away from city's maddening strife,  
 a closer look at a quieter life.  
 A place for friendly association;  
 a place for play and recreation.  
 For those with burdens too hard to bear,  
 A place for meditation and prayer.  
 May we with the blessing of Heaven,  
 Make full use of what God has given,  
 And with love and full cooperation  
 Of every Christian congregation  
 Resolve to lay a solid foundation  
 So that children who come our way  
 May see the breaking of a brighter day.

*By Arta E. Hall, this poem was originally written for Daybreak Camp. Friends of YBC Treasurer Joy Hendrix felt it described Yosemite Bible Camp as well. Thanks, Joy!*

## IN LOVING MEMORY...

### Dessie Ona Gaskin

1921-2014

Dessie Gaskin passed away on September 16, joining her husband Ralph who passed in 2011. Dessie and Ralph were among those saints who built YBC from the ground up beginning with the first building, Arts and Crafts, and continued working for camp improvement.

Remembrances may be made to the Woodward Park YBC Scholarship Fund.

### Kenneth Ralphs O'Brien

1919-2014

Ken O'Brien, M.D., beloved "Doc" to many at Woodward Park and elsewhere, went home to a well-earned rest on October 11. He would have celebrated his 95th birthday on October 21.

He supported YBC, and the family requested that remembrances may be made to Yosemite Bible Camp.

# Martins to resign

The Board of Trustees of Yosemite Bible Camp has been informed that Ray Martin will be leaving the camp in April 2015. It has been a pleasure to have Ray and Margaret at the camp for the past 2 ½ years. We are also informed that Ray and Margaret plan to stay in the area and continue to work with the church and with the camp. We look forward to our continued association with them.

*Grady Billington, YBC Board Personnel Director*



Pictured are caretakers Ray and Margaret Martin, Sydney and Alex Aguirre.  
*Photo courtesy Juanelle Roberts*

# Late-summer wildfire threatens YBC

On August 18, a fast-moving wildfire broke out behind Capitol Pipe just north of Highway 49, not far from Raley's. The "Junction Fire" spread quickly due to strong winds and dry conditions, crossing Hwy. 41 near Superior Propane.

Parts of Oakhurst lost power, and Hwy. 41 was closed for a time between Hwy. 49 and Sky Ranch Road. The sheriff issued 13,000 evacuation orders, and others were warned should the winds shift and the fire change direction.



The Batterson Forest Fire Station sign, across Hwy. 41 from Sky Ranch Rd., is changed to alert travelers to fire danger levels year-round.

YBC lay in one of the at-risk areas, and caretakers Ray and Margaret Martin and others at camp at the time evacuated.

Contrary to fears, the fire was contained and did not cross Bass Lake Road/222, so YBC remained safe. We thank the firefighters for their valiant efforts, and praise God for His gracious protection and for the recent healing rains.



Screen shot of new website home page—[yosemitebiblecamp.com](http://yosemitebiblecamp.com)

# Our newest YBC caretakers

are Alex and Sydney Aguirre. They have been married for three years, and moved from Fresno, California. Along with being caretaker, Alex is a cameraman for Fox 26. Sydney is attending school to become a nurse as well as working as a part-time waitress. They both have a love for camp as they both have been campers and staff members with both the West Visalia and Woodward Park camps for many years.

"Camp has always held a special place in my heart. I've made lifelong friends and I met my wife here. I plan on making a positive impact and continue on improving the camp as caretaker," Alex says.

"Camp has had a huge impact on my life. I was baptized at YBC and I look forward to serving up here," Sydney says.

For Alex and Sydney camp has always been about helping people build relationships with Christ and one another. Along with maintaining tradition, Alex hopes to help make YBC more in tune with young people through social media.

"We launched [yosemitebiblecamp.com](http://yosemitebiblecamp.com), the new website, as well as started a twitter and instagram account. The **twitter** handle is [@CampYosemite](https://twitter.com/CampYosemite) and the **instagram** account is [@YosemiteBibleCamp](https://www.instagram.com/YosemiteBibleCamp). Please follow us!"

His vision for the website includes keeping people up to date on current camp events as well as archiving old camp photos into one place. In order for him to do that he needs old camp photos people might have, to be emailed to [ybcheadquarters@gmail.com](mailto:ybcheadquarters@gmail.com).

"We look forward to making camp a place that young people think about more than just once a year."

**YBC BOARD OF TRUSTEES and Congregations Represented****FRIENDS OF YBC Officers**

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## YBC hosts 26 camps

There were 9 summer camps in 2014, at which 815 campers were blessed. A total of 1,383 participated in the camps, including staff and preschoolers. There were 25 baptisms, for which we praise God!

There were also 17 "off-season" camps and retreats which enjoyed YBC's beautiful facilities and setting.

## Honor Faithful Servants

Honor faithful servants of the Lord and help Yosemite Bible Camp at the same time. GIVE A GIFT in honor or in memory of a loved one, and we'll engrave the name of your honoree on our McNeely Dining Hall **FOREST OF FAITHFUL SERVANTS** plaques.

Designated gift levels are:

<b>Acorn</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Ponderosa</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Sequoia</b>	<b>1000 and above</b>



For information, call the camp at 559. 683.7006.

## YBC CALENDAR

**Winter 2014—Fall 2015**

Dec. 13	FYBC Holiday Luncheon & Boutique
Dec. 27-30	Ripon Winter Expedition 4.0
Jan. 9-11	Hanford Family Retreat
Jan. 16-18	Woodward Park Winter Youth Retreat
Jan. 23-25	Visalia Comm. Winter Youth Retreat
Feb. 13-15	Madera Young People's Winter Retreat
Mar. 27-29	Turlock Spring Retreat
May 1-3	Martinez Ladies' Retreat
May 18-24	Memorial Day BBQ Preparation
May 25	Memorial Day BBQ
May 29-31	Stratford Spanish Couples' Retreat
June 13-20	Westside Bakersfield Camp
June 20-27	Modesto Area Camp
June 27-July 4	Woodward Park Camp
July 4-11	West Visalia Camp
July 22-18	Madera Camp
July 18-25	Tulare/College Camp
July 25-Aug. 1	Porterville Camp
Aug 1-8	Hanford Camp
Sept. 11-13	Annual Area-wide Ladies' Retreat