



NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2025

Lessons from Fire Building Part III

SOMETHING TO REACH FOR AND SOMETHING TO REST ON

Campfires burn best when the wood is layered upward. Have you ever watched a flame on a single piece of wood that has none above it? That flame crawls around; weak and confused-like. It needs something to reach for.

Our nature is much the same. Unless we have something to reach for, our spirit and passion become weak and without purpose. We need new relationships, new challenges, new things we're learning... Something to reach for.

Keep watching that campfire. Not only does it need something to reach for, but it also needs to settle onto its own bed of coals. You can lose what looked like a good fire if it gets bridged above its embers.

We too, if we want a sustainable flame, must settle onto a bed of coals. What are those coals? They're the generation of wisdom and values before us. Parents. Grandparents. Old Faithfuls. Traditions. The tried and true.

It's intriguing how much likeness there is between young people and pieces of wood that have recently been placed on a fire. There is a robust flame from surface combustion. It hasn't yet had the time to burn to the core. A little time away from the "community" of other firewood, and they'll likely lose their flame. And the old sages... They're like those embers. Translucent. Glowing from the core. Steady, and able to keep burning even apart from the rest. The miracle of the flame is passed from them upward.

This Christmas, in an age when parents are sometimes considered sentimental and almost obsolete. When traditions are often viewed as a threat to our spiritual vitality. Gather by the hearth. Together. Young and old. Light the fire. Celebrate traditions. Reach for the newness of the Baby Christ. Rest on the Old Old Story.

Merry Christmas to all,
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MEET OUR TEAM

In this newsletter, you have the opportunity for a good look at the team of staff that are pulling together in this little corner of God's Kingdom. It is a special group of folks. The faces you see represent a great variety of gifts, whether in the woods, the kitchen, or the office. Each of them has come here because they are following God's leading. Each of them has a story. Each of them is a servant. Each of them care. Please pray for this group of people.



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NEWS AND NEEDS

Please pray that each boy in the Ranger group could be successful with his goals.

We will be needing more bed sheets, heavy blankets, laundry bags, and shower bags. If you are part of a group who would like to help make these, please contact us for sizes.

We are planning for an additional camp cook in the spring of 2026. If you are interested in serving in this role, or know someone who is, please contact our camp office.

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