

Monthly Newsletter – March April 2019

## JOURNEY BY THE NUMBERS

Born to a sixteen year old father, who assumed the throne of his father's kingdom at the young age of twenty-two, Josiah's upbringing was anything but enviable. His father was an arrogant tyrant who followed the ritualistic cruelties of the current paganism. SO much hated by his own servants, Amon was finally murdered by those very servants in his home. Their conspiracy against the young king did not go unnoticed. Citizens in the kingdom immediately rose up and put the conspirators to death and then made his eight year old son king in Amon's place. How much of the trauma Josiah was eyewitness to, we may never know. However, we do know that while in his mid-teens, Josiah's course became a trajectory for change in his nation as he personally attended to monumental reforms and godly change. II Chronicles 34 gives a skeletal biography of this dynamic young man as he began to seek the Lord at age sixteen. By age twenty he had identified the idolatry in his nation and eradicated it. At age twenty-six the Scriptures were retrieved from the temple building and as Josiah heard them read, it revolutionized his life. For the remainder of his relatively short life it was Josiah's passion to restore the worship of God to its rightful place.

As we look at the developments of Josiah's life at age eight, sixteen, twenty, twenty-six and then his death at age thirty-nine, it is a great reminder that the journey of life passes quickly and contains mile-markers which can be most significant



Summer 2019 at camp will be a stopping point for many young persons as their journey takes them by way of Camp Appanoose. Perhaps some will begin to seek the Lord at camp or make important decisions in their lives. For some, 2019 could be the year they first hear the message of the gospel. Pray with us for those who will attend camp; those who will work for the summer; and pray that God will, through His people, increase the financial support so important to the work of Appanoose Ministries!

**EXCITING NEW CAMP PROGRAMS!** Visit [www.campappanoose.org](http://www.campappanoose.org) to download the 2019 summer brochure and register on line, or call the camp office to receive the Summer Camp brochure by mail.

**SURF CLUB IS BACK!** (*Students United in Real Faith*) for teens:  
Starting with a St. Patty's Day Kickoff – March 16, 6-9 p.m., Camp Appanoose Pavilion. *Best Green Outfit Gets a Prize!* SURF CLUB meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Saturday through April; and one final Spring SURF on May 11 --Paintball night!

**VOLUNTEER RETREAT** – Just around the corner, April 12-14 will be the Spring Volunteer Retreat. Held on a Friday and Saturday, volunteers are welcome to come for all or any part of the time. We encourage families to come on Friday evening for supper (please RSVP) and spend the night in a bunkhouse or Conestoga wagon. Meals provided, a Friday evening family activity, great fellowship and the opportunity to accomplish projects important to the camp ministry. Projects include:

- Installation of recreational equipment
- Tree removal, Tree planting
- Grounds cleanup, Building clean-up
- Removal of a fence
- Strengthening of west and north pasture fences

**MOST WANTED LIST:**

Overhead door and opener for equipment building - \$2500.00  
Pond aerator for improved water quality in swimming area \$2000.00  
Wood Chipper  
Stump Grinder

**CALLING ALL COOKS!** Again this summer the goal is to staff each camp week with 3-4 individuals who work as a team to prepare and serve wonderful camp menus. Some kitchen volunteers prefer to provide dishwasher duty or other needed tasks throughout the day. Lodging is provided, new friendships are inevitable. We appreciate the men and women who step forward each summer to fill this important role.

Our annual training luncheon will be Saturday, June 8.

Please contact Bev Hanawalt (515.480.3509) or [cabar@campappanoose.org](mailto:cabar@campappanoose.org) if you and a team of 3 others (perhaps from your church) wish to serve in this capacity this summer!

**SUMMER TEAM 2019**

We are once again looking for quality young persons to serve the Lord for the summer at camp. Two weeks of training and at least six weeks of direct ministry comprise a summer of dynamic growth opportunities and ministry with eternal significance!

Please visit [camp Appanoose.org](http://campappanoose.org) to download an application or call the camp office 641.649.2491 for more information.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ray and LaDonna Amsden celebrated their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 23! We congratulate them on this most important milestone!

**MUCH SYMPATHY** is extended to: Theresa and Cecil Samuel and Jennifer Cassidy in the rather sudden loss of their grandson and brother, Carl Robinson on January 3. A memorial fund has been established to provide for program equipment at camp. The family appreciates every gift given toward that fund.