

Camp Copass - a place of change

Could the peninsula island at Lake Lewisville that housed both a gambling hall and a brothel be used for the Lord's work? While many could not see the possibility, Lady Crickett Keys Copass saw what could be and started a girl's camp on the property in 1946. Churches stepped in and began having summer youth camps on the property. Many built their own cabins on the island to use for summer camps and retreats. Together, they transformed Millionaire Island into Camp Copass.

Today, Camp Copass is a year-round Christian camp and retreat center with a dormitory capacity of over 650. There are also 32 motel rooms with 50 more to be opened May 1st. These guest facilities enable a maximum attendance most weeks of the summer for children and youth camps, and packed weekends throughout the year for youth and adult retreats.

The thirty-seven acre site has taken on a fresh appearance the past 14 years with the addition of a new outdoor recreation pavilion; new swimming pool; and a new miniature golf course. While recreation is always a significant part of the camp experience, the substantive changes that impact everyone on the grounds have been the new worship center and office complex; the new and greatly expanded dining hall; and new dormitories and remodeled dorms.

The newest addition is the Curtis and Oneta Tally Retreat Center due to open on May 1, 2011, just in time for Keenage Camp. This three-story hotel-type building, equipped with an elevator, has 50 private rooms with full-sized bathrooms; three suites for group leaders; and large meeting areas for groups. The Tally Retreat Center



Curtis and Oneta Tally Retreat Center

opens a new dimension for women's ministry retreats and other larger adult groups.

Many people ask about the ownership of the camp. Camp Copass is governed by a Board of Trustees that are elected by the four associations who are the members and owners of the camp. These Baptist associations are Denton, Cooke, Harvest, and Palo-Pinto. Denton Association has three regular trustees for the camp – Bill Black, Lanita Angel-Morris, and Mark Chew. Denton is also represented by several At-Large trustees including Sonny Snow, Bob Hagerman, Jeff Williams, and Charley Huggins. Gary Loudermilk, the Executive Director of Denton Association, also serves as a trustee.

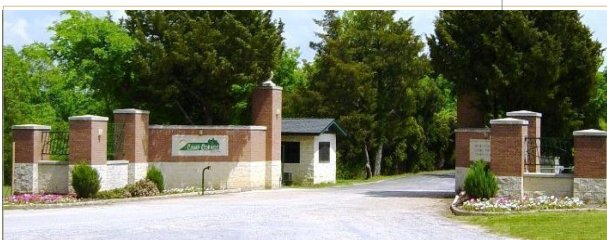
Ultimately, the purpose of Camp Copass is to provide an environment where people can slip away from the pressures and stress of the daily world and hear from God. In the scenic surroundings of the camp, people have multiple opportunities to study the Bible, to find solitude in prayer, and to experience Christian fellowship with dedicated believers and leaders. Each year, many people trust Christ as their Lord at the camp. Others hear a call from God to begin preparation for a life of Christian ministry and vocation. Still others find the need to renew or rededicate their daily life and walk to the Lord.

Camp Copass is a great place to spend some time with God. For more information

about the camp, check out their website at www.campcopass.com or give them a call at 940-565-0050. For a first-hand look, follow E. McKinney in Denton until it ends at Camp Copass and let Brad Springer, the Camp Administrator, give you a personal tour around the camp.



The old gate entrance



The entrance gate today

SUMMER 2011

JUNE

- 5-10 Stonegate Fellowship, Midland
- 19-23 Lake Cities Church of Christ
- 13-17 **Camp Copass GA/RA Camps**
- 20-24 Lakeside Baptist, Granbury
- 20-24 New Life Church
- 20-24 Reconciliation Church
- 23-26 St. Mark's Teen ACTS
- 23-25 First Baptist Church Allen
- 27-29 Flower Garden Church
- 26-28 UTD Comet Camp

JULY

- 4-8 **Camp Copass Youth Camp**
- 11-15 **TREK I (Pre-Teen) Camp**
- 15-16 **Camp Copass Mini Camp**
- 18-22 **TREK II (Pre-Teen) Camp**
- 23-27 Relevant Life Church
- 24-29 Power of Deliverance
- 25-29 Prince of Peace Lutheran

AUGUST

- 31-4 **Trend Settaz**
- 31-5 Probe Ministries
- 1-4 First Baptist Church Kaufman
- 1-4 Asbury United Methodist Church
- 3-5 Liberty Christian School
- 5-7 Lakepointe Church
- 8-11 Liberty Christian School
- 11-13 Messengers of Peace
- 13-14 Nahnum Church