

# ALPINE ECHOES

Providing a mountaintop  
encounter with Jesus Christ  
through Christian camping

SPRING 2017



*Alpine is 60!*  
*And you're invited!*

In addition to celebratory moments throughout the year, **the big event will be the weekend of September 15-17, 2017.**

For event registration and program information, please visit [www.alpine-cc.org](http://www.alpine-cc.org) and click on the 60th Anniversary logo.

**We want to hear from you!** In preparation for the 60th anniversary, please send us stories of your own Alpine mountaintop encounters to [stories@alpine-cc.org](mailto:stories@alpine-cc.org). We'd love to weave these into our 60th Anniversary celebration! (Ideas: you could include anything about your experience as a camper or staff member and how that influenced your life then and now).

Stories, S'mores, Songs, Silliness, Stillness, inSights – something for all who have been a part of Alpine's first 60 years. See if you and your family can make it this weekend for another mountaintop encounter with Jesus. (Read S'more Thoughts inside for more.)

## CAPTURING THE

## *Essence* OF ALPINE

**H**ow would YOU describe the experience of time away at Alpine, unplugged, for some fun, reconnection and soul-searching? What words would YOU use to explain adventuring in the forest and being re-introduced to our Creator when you

have a little space and time to actually relish His invitation?

There are so many layers of experience at Alpine, we thought we'd ask a few people to help capture the essence...



**Savannah**  
Age 16, Camper  
from South Coast  
Fellowship in Ventura:

"I've been to other camps. Alpine is different, more welcoming. My time here equips me to be a better role model as I disciple younger girls at my church."

### **Justin Cox, Speaker for some of Alpine's JH and SH camps:**

"The staff at Alpine is committed to making disciples of this next generation...not just the program staff, but all the way to the kitchen, maintenance and office staff. I've spoken at a lot of camps, but Alpine comes to the top with their commitment to teaching...it is almost impossible to not have some kind of encounter with God and Truth...it is life-changing."



**Matthew**  
7th grader, Rolling Hills  
Covenant Church:

"I love to experience the wilderness here, and to hang out with our group. It is great bonding time where we can reclaim our faith. When we woke up this morning, everything was covered with snow...it was like walking on powdered sugar!"



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## CAPTURING THE *Essence...*

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### **Cameron Coulter**

youth pastor at  
Life Covenant Church  
in Torrance:

"Alpine does an awesome job of creating an environment of intimacy. They cater to the churches' needs: while they do the big production well, they still have the ability to get to know each group's people and personalities and to tailor their programs as needed."

"It feels cozy to be here...and exciting. Chapel gets us back on track – worship is energetic, and we connect better with each other because we are not all on our phones."

### **Kassidy**

part-time  
cook at Alpine:

"I know that the maintenance guys have a morning devotional, and in the kitchen, we often start out with prayer. Alpine for me is a community of faith."

### **Katherine, Nika and Cathy**

high school campers from  
Hope Christian Fellowship  
in San Gabriel:



### **Rabbi Robert Bloch**, leader of long-time guest group, Beth Shalom, a Messianic Jewish community of believers:

"'The Beauty of God's Creation'...in Judaism, we have a saying about the Sabbath: 'The Sabbath has a flavor of Paradise about it.' In the same way, Alpine has that flavor as we close out the distractions of this world to focus on God. Our youth group loves Alpine and has for years. Every year we are amazed with God's faithfulness, how he empowers our group to become better equipped as followers of Yeshua (Jesus)."



### **Ryan Tan**, volunteer counselor with Radiant Ministry from Irvine Canaan Christian Community Church:

"Everything that is done here is so intentional. The speaker, games, group activities...all of it is connected and supports the theme. When you consider what we experience here, the cost is minimal."



### **Erin Dougherty**

Associate Pastor at Clairmont Covenant Church:

"Alpine has a feeling of 'home' for many of our students. It is small enough that they don't feel lost in a crowd and the campus and staff are so welcoming that students quickly settle in to a level of comfort."



### **Theo Wilson**, Youth pastor at Community Covenant Church in El Cajon:

"I continue to be impressed by the heart, mission and leadership of Alpine. They show their care about the success of the local church through intentional relationship. Their program team does a great job of providing resources prior to retreats and for follow up."



# SMORE THOUGHTS



**Joel Rude**  
Executive Director

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**T**hose words, cheerfully proclaimed, affirm the inevitable passing of time: a mystery we

are bound by, over which God is transcendent, and into which He lovingly brings His will and works. Some anniversaries commemorate events we gladly celebrate again and again. Some acknowledge life changes including loss, pain and challenge. It is good and healthy to pause, reflect and join together to re-member life's ups and downs. It is even better to do so within the context of how our Heavenly Father demonstrates His love for us moment after moment...through people He sent and circumstances He was involved in, whether we saw it at the time or not.

Alpine belongs to Jesus. Through it, He has provided more mountaintop encounters with grace and truth than we can shake a pine-tree-stick at. Once again it is time to re-join and celebrate our good, good Father and all his Son and Spirit have done in the lives of countless people

(You might say it will be a Lost and Found Celebration!).

**Alpine will be hosting a 60th Anniversary**

**Reunion during the weekend of September 15-17, 2017.** It will be a weekend of celebration, stories, worship, teaching, family, fun, friends, games and goodies (maybe even Gorp). Since God has been faithful through the ups and downs of Alpine's last 60 years, the Alpine Board has decided to offer this Anniversary Reunion free of fees. It seemed good and right to trust in God's provision while we celebrate His faithfulness.

You are encouraged to regularly visit [www.alpine-cc.org](http://www.alpine-cc.org) for registration and program information. On the Home Page, look for a button that says: **60th Anniversary Reunion**. Click on that button and it will take you to the Reunion page. If you are interested in helping with the planning for and running of the Reunion in any way, please contact [laurie@alpine-cc.org](mailto:laurie@alpine-cc.org).



## UPCOMING PROGRAMMED EVENTS

All are welcome.

To register, visit [www.alpine-cc.org](http://www.alpine-cc.org) or call (800) 350-6289.

### SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

**JUNE 26-30**

Day Camp I (Grades 1-6)

**JULY 3-7**

Day Camp II (Grades 1-6)

**JULY 6-8**

**NEW shorter week option!**  
Junior High I

**JULY 9-14**

High School

**JULY 9-14**

Elementary I (Grades 4-6)

**JULY 16-2**

Elementary II (Grades 4-6)

**JULY 23-28**

Junior High /  
High School Combo I

**JULY 23-28**

Junior High II

**JULY 30-AUGUST 4**

Junior High /  
High School Combo II

**JULY 30-AUGUST 4**

Elementary IV (Grades 4-6)

### FALL EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 15-17**

**60TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND**

**OCTOBER 13-15**

**Women's Retreat**  
with Laurie Short  
Author and Speaker

**NOVEMBER 3-5**

**Men's Retreat**  
with Frank Sontag  
Inspirational Radio Talk Host

### Alpine is now registered with AmazonSmile!

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**We see this as a win-win. This provides the**

**opportunity to add Kingdom value to your purchases! To name Alpine as your charity, here's how to do this:**

1. Just log onto <http://smile.amazon.com>
2. Use your current amazon password.
3. Under "Pick your own charitable organization," in the search box, type in "Alpine Camp and Conference Center, Inc.," and hit "Select."
4. Check "Yes."
5. Start shopping.
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**BECAUSE GOD  
HEARS OUR NEEDS...**  
Please Join Us in Prayer For:

Fruitful recruiting and  
training of 50 summer staff.

Camper registrations and guest  
group rentals to increase for fruitful  
ministry and operating revenue.

The significant and challenging debt  
incurred prior to the summer of 2015  
to be quickly and fully eliminated.

The items on the Wish List to  
be received in a timely manner  
and in top condition.

Skilled volunteers to come  
out of the woodwork to  
help with Alpine projects.

For God's protection of the  
Alpine ministry and mission as  
it serves in a fallen world.

## WISH LIST

*(Funding for and/or Gifts-in-Kind)*

1. A new or used Case 580 4WD diesel tractor with a cab, bucket and backhoe
2. A new or used Ford F350 pickup with a snowplow (or equivalent)
3. A heavy duty golf cart or utility cart for our program department
4. A new or lightly used commercial, 30" wide conventional oven with a 6 burner stovetop
5. Two 97" or larger flat screen TVs for chapel worship lyrics and video viewing
6. Wholesale or factory direct access to sports equipment
7. A large, 4-wheel utility trailer with stake sides

For questions about this  
issue of the ECHOES  
Newsletter, please email  
[info@alpine-cc.org](mailto:info@alpine-cc.org)

## WINTER CAMP RECAP: And there was

SNOW...a lot of it!

**A**dd to the snow more than **1,180** campers and counselors at our winter program youth camps during January and February, and you get a **winter wonderland experience that goes straight to the heart!**

**Our elementary campers enjoyed two weekends** of Mr. J's powerful teaching sketches and music wrapped up in a whole lot of fun. This year's theme, "Junk Yard Dogs: Serving a New Master" is a contagious re-telling of the Moses story to challenge campers to a deeper walk with Jesus.



**In four powerful weekends, our JH and HS campers experienced** the theme "Obsessed," providing a framework to ask questions of their own lives, and to point them again to God, our loving creator, as only He can give what ultimately satisfies. 

