

ALPINE ECHOES

Providing a mountaintop encounter with Jesus Christ through Christian camping

SUMMER 2019

**WE DUG.
THEY REPAVED.**

**WE
CELEBRATED!**



BACK IN 2016, WE FIRST SENT OUT A PLEA for help to replace the crumbling basketball court asphalt. Many of you responded, and over \$80,000 and 2,700 square yards of asphalt later, the job is done! The

contractor, a Christian with a stellar reputation in repaving work, was highly

motivated to do his best work for a Christ-centered ministry. It is highway-quality work, engineered to accommodate the weight of large coach buses and recreation applications for years to come.

After Alpine's own crew spent weeks preparing by digging trenches to run conduit for electrical needs and pouring footings for new basketball goals, A & Y Company came in and repaved the entire area May 28-June 2.

This is a big deal! Alpine needed to upgrade this very visible first impression to provide a more hospitable and safe welcome. The cracks and potholes had become a safety issue, and therefore it was no longer a good recreation space. Alpine had developed a reputation as an old, run-down camp

with some groups and was losing business. As we have strategically repaired and painted buildings, guests and neighbors are commenting on the refreshed look. It is crucial we provide intact grounds and facilities for each group to achieve their goals without the distraction of safety concerns or unsightly areas. The basketball court repaving is another big step in this process.



ALPINE'S WOMEN'S AND MEN'S RETREATS

**TIME AWAY. IN THE FOREST. GOOD FOOD. RELEVANT SPEAKERS AND
BREAKOUT SESSIONS TO CHALLENGE AND ENCOURAGE. RECREATIONAL
OPTIONS. FELLOWSHIP. COMPELLING WORSHIP...SIGN ME UP!**



WOMEN'S RETREAT

RELAX • RECONNECT • RESTORE

October 11-13, 2019

Speaker COLLEEN MYERS

MESSAGE | Smack Dab: Living Life in the Center of God's Will

Co-founder of PLUR Life Ministries with her husband, Colleen is also a certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, a CA State Certified Addiction Specialist and a Chaplain. She finds no greater joy in life than



loving on her family, including three grand babies. A close second is the joy she experiences as she leaves the four walls of the church to love on the lost, going where they are, and introducing them to her Savior.

Sue Rode has attended many Alpine women's retreats, and here's why:

"I love coming to Alpine! At the women's retreat, I enjoy getting to know other women and how they are handling life. We share concerns and love for each other in a setting where we are able to focus on God and each other...and it's fun! For me, it is a peaceful time away when I am able to talk with God and know He's listening. And it is a gift to go back home refreshed and renewed."



Check your need for time away and check your calendar. Consider this your invitation to renew, relax and reflect on God's call on your life. Check out our website to register: **www.alpine-cc.org**.



MEN'S RETREAT

PLAY HARD. MAKE FRIENDS. MEET GOD.

November 1-3, 2019

Speaker DR. JOHN TRENT

MESSAGE | The Choice.

Some of you may be familiar with John Trent as he has published more than 20 books including *The Blessing*, which has over 2 million copies in print. He currently runs his ministry StrongFamilies, and serves as the Gary D. Chapman Chair of Marriage and Family Ministry and Therapy at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

A long-time men's retreat attendee, Dick Paff, is enthusiastic about the value of the experience:

"I have been blessed to be able to attend Men's Retreat at Alpine 41 years. I could probably come up with at least 41 reasons why I keep coming back but I will at least state my top ten reasons: The



visiting with old friends, the sharing with new friends, the challenging and biblical messages from the speakers, the music groups and singing, the excellent food, the outstanding preparation and servant attitude of the Alpine Staff, the fun and fellowship the recreation and game times, the early morning devotions, the beauty of the surroundings at Alpine, and most of all the fact that each year on the way home I say to myself, "I can't wait until next year at Men's Retreat at Alpine!"

SMORE THOUGHTS



Joel Rude
Executive Director

I often share a somewhat ordinary phrase with groups of people interested in Alpine. The response always includes audible tones of affirmation and nods of support. That

phrase is simply, ***"Alpine exists to help churches with the discipleship and spiritual formation of their children."***

This is what Alpine's founders had in mind. And this phrase resonates deeply with people because, as the Holy Spirit reveals Truth, those who hear this phrase recognize in it the teaching of Deuteronomy 6:1-9, especially verse 7: ***"Impress them (God's commandments) on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."***



That verse is an apt description of what happens at Alpine: walking out this verse, side by side with campers hour by hour, day by day.



It is challenging to *do* verse seven well at home because of the pace of life and the number of distractions. However, at Alpine the distractions are minimized, the pace changes, and the opportunities increase for talking about God's Word and why it matters. **Not only is God's Word taught and discussed, it is experienced.** If a teaching time in chapel is the "lecture," living together in a few cabins on 46 acres of forest for a weekend or a week is the "lab." Campers test these teachings in this microcosm of life together.

The results of this "lecture/lab" combination is a real life encounter with Truth and Grace along with concrete, practical experience in loving God with all of one's heart, soul, mind and strength; and loving one's neighbor as one's self. May God bless what He brings about. 🌲



UPCOMING PROGRAMMED EVENTS

All are welcome.
To register, visit www.alpine-cc.org
or call (800) 350-6289.

WORK AND WORSHIP FAMILY CAMPS SEPTEMBER 20-22

MAKUALA VILLAGE ELEMENTARY CAMPS

JUNE 24-28
Day Camp

JUNE 30-JULY 3
Resident Camp #1

JULY 7-12
Resident Camp #2

JULY 14-19
Resident Camp #3

JULY 21-26
Resident Camp #4

SAWMILL CAMPS (Junior High and High School)

JUNE 30-JULY 3
Breakaway Junior High #1

JULY 7-12
MAC High School

JULY 21-26
Breakaway Junior High #2

JULY 28-AUGUST 2
MAC Combo (JH and HS)

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S RETREATS

OCTOBER 11-13
Women's Retreat

NOVEMBER 1-3
Men's Retreat

Contact us for information
on booking your own group's
camp, retreat, team-building
or banquet experience.



P.O. Box 155
Blue Jay, CA 92317

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

**ARE YOU CONNECTED WITH
SOMEONE WHO COULD BLESS
ALPINE WITH:**

- 1. Volunteers!** For painting and various projects.
- 2.** Heavy duty golf cart that can manage hills for Program use.
- 3.** Camp vehicle for passengers and cargo (AWD with good mountain capabilities).



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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:

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- 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."
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