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BEREA MINISTRIES









PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Celebrations & Highlights



<u>MEN'S RETREAT</u>: Recently renamed, "Revolution," Camp Monadnock's Men's Retreat truly became a revolution this spring. Of the 185 men who attended *(our largest Men's Retreat under Berea's stewardship!)*, 90% of the men took took Next Steps with Jesus! 9 of them made first-time decisions to follow Jesus, and 18 of them felt called to vocational ministry during the weekend! See below to read stories of life change from this weekend.

<u>WOMEN'S RETREAT:</u> At Camp Monadnock's Women's Retreat last month, women learned about giving their worries and burdens to God. **75 women took a Next Step with Jesus and 3 women made a first-time decision to follow Him!** Check out the Next Step stories below from this weekend.

VACATION DAY CAMP: We held our second week of Vacation Day Camp at Camp Kerith in April. Be sure to check out our recent <u>Campership Letter</u> to hear how God used this week to draw a camper from the foster care system closer to Him. Many of these campers are registered for Day Camp this summer. We are looking forward to ministering to them!

<u>MOTHER/DAUGHTER</u>: God showed up in great ways at our annual Mother/Daughter Retreat this spring as **49 campers took a Next Step** with Jesus that weekend! We are minutes away from our annual **Father/Son Retreat** this weekend too.



<u>SUMMER PREP:</u> Our team has been hard at work **prepping for summer camp**: everything from infrastructure upgrades and boat inspections to deep cleaning, organizing, and renewing safety certifications. *Check out the photos below from each site to see the progress!* We're also thrilled that God has provided for our summer staff needs, making this our **biggest summer staff team since 2019!** Camp registrations are still rolling in: Camp Berea is on track for **another great summer**, Camp Kerith is heading into their **2nd year of Day Camp with record-setting numbers,** and Camp Monadnock's **Ascend weeks are filling up!**

Camp Berea

One exciting highlight at Camp Berea is the progress on the new Pole Barn, located up the road behind the Gym, which will be used for storage. <u>We are still raising funds for this project</u> but are so grateful for how the Lord has been providing so far. A generous partner donated several hours of their time and equipment to help us keep this project moving along!



Camp Monadnock

If you've visited Camp Monadnock recently, you may have noticed our check-in table temporarily set up in the dining room. We're excited to share that **renovations on the office are underway!** The office is being transformed into a new **Welcome Center** where we can't wait to greet you with a warm "**Welcome Home!**"



Camp Kerith

The team at Camp Kerith has been working hard to **increase the capacity** of Capital Hall as part of the **winterization project**. This spring, upgrades were made to the **septic system and electrical panel**, while work continues inside to make room for **additional beds**. This project will allow us to host groups all year-round!



NEXT STEP STORIES



"I've been struggling with my kids' mother. My friend told me to sacrifice my burdens to God, so I did right here this weekend. I want to sacrifice my burdens to God not just today but every single day going forward."

"I've been coming to Monadnock for several years, and this was the most passionate, worshipful group of men I've ever seen. This was the most spiritual time I've ever had here." "God opened my heart and showed me I have not been obedient to His will."

"He reminded me of my purpose in life and is pushing me to live boldly for Him."

"This weekend made me think...am I following Jesus, or am I inviting him to a life I have designed and planned?"





"I feel renewed and rested and ready to be courageous."

"This weekend gave me divine reset and alignment."

"God revealed parts of my life that are hurting me by holding onto them and convicted me of my pride and controlling attitude."

"He revealed to me why I've been feeling so numb recentlytelling me I need to spend more time in His Word."

"God opened my heart and showed me I have not been obedient to His will."

"I learned that I need to let go and let Jesus lead me, and to talk with friends who don't know Him."

"God wants me not to be afraid to approach Him."

"This weekend confirmed that I need to 'wait.' It's all in His time."



YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us TOMORROW, June 7th, for the Berea Ministries Symposium! Join Nate Parks, President/CEO of Berea Ministries, as he shares what God is doing across Berea Ministries. He'll provide the latest updates, share current needs, and outline what's ahead for the ministry, including details about our upcoming anniversaries this fall. Alumni, partners, and friends will hear powerful testimonies of life transformation and get a glimpse of the incredible work happening in New England. Bring your friends, family, and guestions!

Saturday, June 7th at 10:00am — 11:00am Groton Bible Chapel - Youth Room 66 Toll Gate Road. Groton, CT 06340

REGISTER HERE

Can't make it tomorrow? Nate will be speaking SUNDAY, June 8th, at Groton Bible Chapel at all three services: 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am, and he'd love to connect with you! Let us know you'll be there on Sunday so he can look for you!

PRIORITIES

This fall, we'll be celebrating Camp Berea and Camp Kerith's 80th and Camp Monadnock's 60th Anniversary. We need YOUR HELP spreading the word about these events! If you'd like to help, please contact us at partnership@berea.org.

We are excited to celebrate what God has done over these many decades and look forward to what He will do through the ministry in the future. **Don't forget to register** for the day or stay for the full Family Weekend! **We can't wait to see you there!**



CELEBRATE WITH US!

Camp Monadnock's 60th: Saturday, August 30 Camp Kerith's 80th: Saturday, September 13 Camp Berea's 80th: Saturday, October 11 Learn more & re at berea.org or 603-744-63

Come for the day or the full family w





Camp Kerith's 80th

Camp Berea's 80th

60th Anniversary

Roadblocks & Challenges

NEW DISHWASHER: Just last week, our faithful dishwashing machine at Camp Monadnock reached the end of its life! We are so grateful for the thousands of campers this piece of equipment has allowed us to serve over the decades. While the timing is a bit stressful, we are also praising God that the dishwasher broke BEFORE summer camp and NOT DURING. God is so good! A temporary, refurbished replacement was installed, but the project remains costly due to installation specifics. Please be praying for this need!

Prayer Requests

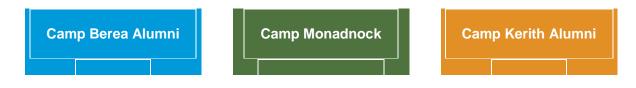
- **SUMMER STAFF:** Our summer staff has arrived, and training is underway! Please join us in praying for their spiritual growth, unity, and endurance. Pray that they deepen their relationship with Jesus, form lasting bonds with one another and the campers they serve, and receive the energy and resilience needed for the exciting opportunities ahead.
- YEAR ROUND STAFF: Pray for our year-round staff as they lead and mentor the summer team and campers. Pray for their spiritual growth, wisdom, and discernment as they guide with grace and patience. Pray for their physical and emotional endurance, safety, and protection throughout the summer.
- **CAMPERS:** Please pray for our campers! Pray no obstacles would get in their way of attending camp. Pray for open hearts and receptive minds, that they may hear and respond to God's Word, and for safety, good health, and meaningful relationships throughout their camp experience.

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