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It Is Well With My Soul

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For as long as I can remember, I have loved music. I loved when my mom sang to me when I was a little girl. I loved learning to play the piano, singing in youth choir, attending concerts, and even listening to the radio in the car with the windows rolled down. But more than anything in the world, I love singing hymns. The Lord speaks to me through song. He brings me peace, joy, strength, and gives me life. This past year, the Lord placed many songs in my heart. And with these songs, He has guided me on a journey I would have never imagined for myself.

After spending several weeks feeling ill in the spring of 2004, I finally heard a doctor speak the words you never want to hear—"You have cancer." You see, that just didn't make sense. I was a healthy, active 23-year old. I loved to run, travel, and spend time with my family and friends. I had never even really been sick before. Now I had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer.

How could the Lord take a situation that sounded so discouraging and turn it into one of the greatest blessings of my life?

I quickly made the move from my home and work in Kerrville to Houston, where I began receiving care at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Beating cancer became my new full-time job.

I spent many hours at M. D. Anderson, lying in hospital beds, on examination tables, and in waiting

rooms—always wondering what was next. I knew that my God was in control, for I had peacefully surrendered that job to Him the moment I learned of my diagnosis. But even that did not stop the physical pain. In those moments, I would catch myself singing hymns in my head. "Be strong and take courage / Do not fear or be dismayed / For the Lord will

go before you / And His light will show the way / Be strong and take courage / Do not fear or be dismayed / For the One who lives within you / Will be strong in you today." I spent all of my life knowing and believing in God, but now it was time to trust His promises. I desperately wanted to give the Lord

glory through my cancer and made that my goal. I prayed that the "joy of the Lord (would) be my strength" (Nehemiah 8:10).

How could the Lord take a situation that sounded so discouraging and turn it into one of the greatest blessings of my life? Well, He did! As I look back, I can see many people and incidents that were and remain blessings to me. Here are just a few: First, my family. My parents can tell you, there were definitely days I was more of a joy to be around than others. I could not have done this without them. Thankfully, my mom and dad are both school teachers who spent their summer by my side. When school began in the fall, they rotated between Abilene, our hometown, and Houston. They sacrificed everything except their faith and our family to

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It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

VILLE DU HAVRE
Irregular

The Failure That Results From Guarding Against Failure

by Harold Fickett

“We learn by our mistakes!” said my fourth-grade teacher with enthusiasm.

I did not find this comforting at the time and still don't, although my attitude toward past failures now embraces more than the pure discouragement I felt when introduced to long division. As a child, I knew that what I learned from the red marks on my arithmetic paper was too late to meet the previous challenge and insufficient to face the next. I needed to stay a step ahead, not simply retrace a misstep. I wanted to push away as far as possible the dread that came with mistakes.

So I tried to stay a step ahead in everything, not only with grades but people too. In my junior high years, I became a “chop artist”; rewarding the girls who attracted me with unmerciful teasing. I once told a beautiful little blonde who needed orthodontics that a Mack truck could drive between her teeth. After the braces, when she became a stunning young woman, I regretted that remark. I also discovered that failure can result from guarding against failure.

It took the really huge failures in my life—jobs gone awry, addiction, and divorce—to plunge me deep enough into failure that I became truly familiar with the dread and discouragement I had been trying to keep at arm's length since a child. It beat the ever-loving stuffing out of me and softened me up plenty. I learned to grieve, and grieving has its value: unadulterated sadness dispels the fear that means to keep it at bay. I had

been through some pretty bad stuff and felt, oddly, that I could cope much better with life. Perhaps my fourth-grade teacher had her point. At least I had learned that the spiritual suffering that comes with failure doesn't make good on its threat to kill you.

For a while thereafter, my own harrowing of hell led me to believe I could set out once more without being particularly troubled by failure. The truth is, though, that life cannot be met with a plucky attitude and moral boosterism. After a few blows and getting back on my feet, I awoke to our common lot: we live, inevitably, in failure. I am not as good a husband or dad as I should be, not as steadfast at my job, not generous enough with friends, not concerned enough about the welfare of my neighbor, nor as active in addressing the world's evil. There is still a gap between what I accomplish and what I should. The future arrives as opportunity, and I do not know enough, am not wise enough, nor have sufficient character to meet its moral imperatives.

The only way to deal with failure is prayer. For forgiveness first, and then for the wisdom, courage, and perseverance to meet future tests. Failure should finally teach us that we must depend on God's living power. Enabling grace is all-important; unless our Christian faith enables us to do through God's power what we could not otherwise, Christianity is meaningless. We need to get on our knees and pray for God's love and life to meet the challenges in our own. *I mean that.*

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Some Thoughts From Howard E. Butt, Jr. . . .

Overcoming Discouragement at Work

“Work is an affair of the heart.” Do you believe that? The statement runs directly counter to the “it’s only business” interpretation of work we sometimes hear. It may even sound wildly romantic in the face of the nonsensical office life skewered in Dilbert cartoons. How can something that often consists of drudgery, menial tasks, and pesky frustrations be described as an affair of the heart?

Educated and trained as an engineer, the hapless Dilbert is stuck in a cubicle, surrounded by coworkers who are either schemers or slackers. He is thwarted by ridiculous office politics swirling around an insecure but dictatorial boss. We identify with Dilbert’s struggle against such mindless bureaucracy because our own work experiences so often run counter to our hopes for what a job should be. We long for assignments that give scope to our abilities, and we deem other tasks unworthy and below us. Yet even in our disappointments, most of us care about our work intensely. Work is about many things, but one of them is always about who we are.

The meaning of our work begins to die. We are tempted to think our efforts have been overlooked or perhaps the credit we rightly deserve has been stolen by others. We begin to look at the context of our work—our coworkers, the company structure, our business partners—as hostile to our own well-being. Discouragement leads us to shut others out as first we

become preoccupied with our frustrations and then, our anger diving ever deeper, depressed. When you’re given a job that’s frustrating and unsatisfying, but seemingly without an escape route, there’s only one possible means of recovery: You must understand your frustration as an attack by the Evil One, seeking to rob you of your joy.

Satan’s strategy is to lie and deceive us into thinking our work is aimless and pointless. That’s one of the Devil’s favorite means of turning our hearts away from God. Our Enemy

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knows our hearts are on the line at our work far more than most of us realize, and if he can use our inevitably fallen surroundings to discourage us, he can lead us to believe God is not in control. The Devil makes it appear God is indifferent to our lives, and we must make our own way as best we can, which usually results in our becoming increasingly careless about ethics. It’s a neat trick the Devil plays.

It’s imperative, then, for us to realize work is an affair of the heart, and God does indeed care about our working lives. In fact, he’s put us in the positions we occupy. God’s in control, not the Devil. True, it’s a fallen world in which we work. But God is with us. Jesus labors alongside us everywhere, even in our cubicles.



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The first and last step, then, in overcoming discouragement at work is to look at our activities and surroundings from God’s perspective. God sees how we serve others—and God himself—even when we don’t. He sees us in our trials, and he can use these if we offer them to him.

My point of greatest testing comes from wondering what effect, if any, I’m having on others. Sometimes I’m tempted to think all the energy I’m expending, particularly in regard to the administrative load I carry, the books I write, the speeches I make, doesn’t amount to a hill of beans. Do enough people care? Does anyone care?

I was having one of these set-tos with myself the other day as I reflected on a writing project I had just finished. What would be its fate? Would it be a success? After all, what did even its “success” mean anymore?

Then I thought of what I had actually done, the words I had committed to paper, the ideas and sentiments I kept striving to express. I’m not sure why, but a special mercy seemed to be granted to me. God seemed to say: Even if no one else is, I’m pleased.

It took a moment to register fully. The great I AM was pleased. That made

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take care of me. They constantly encouraged me with their presence and made me feel like I was the most important person in this world. And my two brothers were always a source of strength to me, even during the most difficult times.

Next, I was blessed with a new temporary home. Tom and Clair Amonett, a couple who started out as strangers, became my second family during my eight months in Houston. While attending a Laity Lodge retreat, Clair, a Laity Lodge Youth Camp staff alumnus and member of the Foundation Resource Development Council, learned of my situation and knew that my family and I would need a place to stay and heal while in Houston. She and Tom opened their home to us for as long as we would need it. I met Clair and Tom for the first time the day I left the hospital and showed up on their front doorstep. I guess you could say the rest is history—after eight months living together, we now call each other family. I began to see right away that the Lord was answering prayers that I had not even thought to pray.

Next, the most encouraging words I received while in treatment were those lifted in prayer. I quickly learned how seriously people took their responsibility to pray for me. One of my cousins created a website where people could check daily on my condition and know what specific prayers were needed. Early on, I was presented with a “prayer pager,” which people could call after they said a prayer, and by the buzz I would instantly know that the Lord had just heard my name. The pager buzzed thousands of times during my eight-month journey. I began to understand by the example of others that our greatest responsibility

as believers is to pray for one another. My thanks goes out to all who loved my family and me so much that they constantly remembered us in prayer.

I find peace knowing that the Lord sees the big picture of my life.



Music is always an important part of the Youth Camp experience.

Through my battle with cancer, I learned to trust Him, to have patience, and to rely on Him more. He has revealed to me why He led me to do certain things in my past and, more specifically, why He has me working for the H. E. Butt Foundation now. While in college, I spent four summers working as a healthcare assistant in the clinics at Laity Lodge Youth Camp. From those experiences, I found so much strength from the campers I worked with. I remember times when they were brave and I wanted to be like them. I realize now that I was a work in progress those summers; the Lord had even bigger plans for me involving my own personal healthcare. One of my favorite songs we sang at camp was “I Lift My Eyes.” I sent the lyrics of this song to my friends and family right before I began my treatment. “I lift my eyes up / Up to the mountains / Where does my help come from? / My help comes from You / Maker of Heaven / Creator of the earth. / O how I need you Lord/ You are my only hope / You are my only prayer /

So I will wait for You / To come and rescue me / To come and give me life.”

I found strength through this most discouraging situation by focusing my time and thoughts on the One who gave me life. In Jeremiah 29, the Lord promises us hope and a future. Nowhere in the Bible does He promise us cancer. I always knew the cancer was temporary. I could rest in the fact that my body would one day be healed from all the things of this world. I pray that you will rest in that fact as well. Maybe cancer is not what you are suffering from. Maybe you are unhappy with your work; maybe you have a child who is rebellious or a sick parent to care for.

Whatever your burden may be, I pray you will overcome the discouragement by trusting the One who has promised you a hope and a future.

It is an honor to share with you the miracle God entrusted to me. As of October 2004, I am cancer free and completed all of my treatment in January 2005. I returned to my job as Sponsorship Program Coordinator for the Foundation Free Camps and celebrate every day of my life. When I first learned of my cancer, I found myself thinking about all the things that would be taken away from me . . . when actually, because of the cancer, so much has been added to my life. That’s how God works. But I always knew that cancer couldn’t take the sweet songs out of my heart, for that is God’s territory.

“When peace like a river
attendeth my way

When sorrows like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot, thou hast
taught me to say

It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Quick Takes

The H. E. Butt Foundation recently said goodbye to Laura Stout Williams, Howard Butt's executive secretary, and Guy Parker, director of resource development.



Laura was with the Foundation for six years. While here, she played key roles in the publishing of Howard Butt's newest book, *Who Can You Trust?*, the Laity Lodge Forums, and myriad other administrative duties. Howard Butt said, "Laura is one of those rare individuals who has the gift of attention to detail as well as the personality that brings people together. Her writing and editing expertise as well as her wit will be sorely missed at the Foundation." Laura recently married Terry Williams from her hometown of Odessa, Texas, and will be making her home there.



Guy and Judy Parker have a history with Laity Lodge that extends over several decades. Before coming on the Foundation staff, Guy was a member of the Resource Development Council (RDC). In his role as the first Director of Resource Development, Guy established the many programs the RDC developed. In Howard Butt's view, "Guy was a pioneer in our Foundation's efforts to raise money to support our many programs. His hard work and creative spirit established us as a very attractive candidate for funding from foundations and individuals across the country. He and Judy played a vital role in the operations of the Foundation and especially Laity Lodge. I am thrilled that Guy will be visiting Laity Lodge several times a year to assist with upcoming retreats and that Judy has been named to the RDC." Guy and Judy moved back to their home in Jackson, Mississippi.

Guy and Laura were each presented with a framed group of photographs of Laity Lodge entitled "A Safe Place Throughout the Seasons." Judy received a sterling silver Foundation logo pendant.

Some Thoughts . . .

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For whom are we doing our work?

me swallow hard and say a prayer of thanksgiving.

For whom are we doing our work? To whom are we giving our hearts through our work? This is all supposed to be about God, isn't it? Building up the Kingdom. But even when we have that ostensible intention, it's hard to keep aiming at the right target. Sometimes God has to tap us on the shoulder and remind us that work is indeed an affair of the heart; He is the Bridegroom, we the Beloved.

Remember Jesus, his baptism, and the Voice from Heaven: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"? But at that early point, Jesus hadn't been anything but a carpenter! He hadn't even begun his public ministry! His Father God was pleased in the relationship. In Christ, we're all included in that "well pleased"! In your work, as everywhere else, keep thanking God, keep believing He's in it with you, and keep taking heart!

NOTE: Want a blessing? Be sure to read Rebecca Lawson's article *It Is Well With My Soul* on page one. She has been an inspiration and example for all of us at the Foundation, as well as all of the patients and staff at M. D. Anderson Hospital, as she courageously relied on her faith and solid foundation in Christ to overcome cancer as well as the discouragement and fear that can accompany it. This special lady's faith and love will touch your heart as it has mine.

– Howard Butt

Laity Lodge Featured Retreats You've never been anywhere quite like Laity Lodge . . .

Afternoons are free for reading, relaxing, hiking, nature watching, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, swimming, mountain biking, arts, lots of lollygagging, and POWER LOUNGING!!!

June 23-26

(Thursday-Sunday)

SHOW TIME: FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY

SPEAKERS:

TOD BOLSINGER – Pastor of San Clemente Presbyterian Church in California. Bolsinger holds a Master of Divinity and is an adjunct professor of Practical Theology at Fuller. He is author of *It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian* and *Showtime: Living Down Hypocrisy by Living Out the Faith*. **Using the virtue list of 2 Peter 1, Bolsinger will focus on how we might live lives that are commendable even to unbelievers. This message marks a great opportunity for all those who want a clearer perspective on how to “show” faith rather than “tell” about faith.**

JACKIE HALSTEAD – Asst. Professor, Marriage and Family Therapy, Abilene Christian University, Abilene. Dr. Halstead concentrates on narrative and solution-focused therapy as well as church and ministerial issues. **Obedience, stability and modification of lifestyle are the patterns of commitment suggested in the Rule of St. Benedict. Join Halstead as she uses these high-impact disciplines to show us the ways we respond to God in context of our relationships.**

MUSICIANS:

Ashley Cleveland – Vocalist, recording artist, two-time Grammy winner. Her latest release, *Men and Angels Say*, is a collection of hymns. In her music, Cleveland echoes the now famous line from the movie *Chariots of Fire*, “When I use these gifts, I feel His pleasure.”

Kenny Greenberg – Instrumentalist, lyricist, producer, nominated as Country Music Awards Musician of the Year 2004, Nominee 2005 GMA Award in multiple categories: Song of the Year (*More*), Pop/Contemporary Song of the Year (*More*), Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year (*Happy*)

ARTISTS/ACTIVITIES:

Jay Nash – Native American flute
Meg Lowry – Drawing workshop
Henry Parish – Tennis

Barry Watson – Photography
Lisa Karabotsos – Mosaics

Cost per person: \$345 Lodge/\$420 Black Bluff

June 27-July 1

(Monday-Friday)

FRESH CALL TO SCRIPTURE AND CREATIVITY

SPEAKERS:

GEORGE CLADIS – Pastor and Team Leader of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City. He is author of *Leading the Team-Based Church*. George Cladis will take us through the major themes of the biblical narrative to show us that life can not only be survived but *sur-thrived!* Linking biblical texts to film, fine arts, sculpture, and scribbles, Cladis reminds us that the best story ever told is the redemptive one of God's search for lost sheep, coins, and prodigals. **Journey again from the bright tunes of creation to the discordant sounds of sin, death, and destruction and then up again to symphonic heights. Come prepared for a wild ride on God's biggest wooden roller coaster—click, click, click—raise your arms, here we go!**

MARY LANDON DARDEN – Doctoral Candidate and Research Assistant, Baylor University, Waco. Darden will concentrate on Christ-centered leadership lessons from the Gospels. **Where should we turn for leadership examples for our own careers and ministry? By exploring select biblical events, Darden shows us how Christ establishes the perfect leadership model for each of us to follow.**

MUSICIANS:

Ashley Cleveland – See previous listing.
Kenny Greenberg – See previous listing.

ARTISTS/ACTIVITIES:

Meg Lowry – Drawing workshop
Bob Darden – Rhythm workshop
Jay Nash – Native American flutes
Henry Parish – Tennis

Cost per person: \$460 Lodge/\$560 Black Bluff

July 21-24

(Thursday-Sunday)

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

SPEAKERS:

ROGER PAYNTER – Senior Pastor of the historic First Baptist Church of Austin and adjunct instructor in Homiletics at Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. Paynter has been involved in community, social justice, and ecumenical issues throughout his ministry. Many of us make a lot of assumptions about leadership in the Bible by viewing it through the “Great Man” theories of leadership that come from our point of view as Americans rather than what Scripture actually says. **Come and explore Dr. Paynter's contention that Scripture teaches a much more unconventional kind of wisdom regarding leadership, particularly in the Gospels, that leads to a much bolder, riskier way of living and leading.**

KEN JENNINGS – Leadership-Strategy-Change expert. Jennings has a deep background in government and defense issues and has been responsible for helping create growth strategies and managing large-scale change for healthcare, defense, manufacturing, financial services, and service organizations. **Jennings will demonstrate five powerful actions that will transform your team by putting servant leadership into action!**

JOHN STAHL-WERT – President of Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation and faculty member in Geneva College's Masters of Science in Organizational Leadership where **he teaches courses in servant leadership, ethics, and decision making.** Stahl-Wert is co-author with Ken Jennings of *The Serving Leader*. His passion is improving life conditions and self-sufficiency of the poor.

MUSICIAN:

David Tolley – Internationally acclaimed composer, pianist, and recording artist, and Ph.D. candidate at Ohio State. It is no mystery why Tolley has been sought out by President George Bush (the elder) and Johnny Carson, among others! His contemporary jazz will be a treat.

ARTISTS:

Jody and Jenness Gilles – Woodcrafts, collage, and jewelry making

Cost per person: \$345 Lodge/\$420 Black Bluff

July 28-31

(Thursday-Sunday)

FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY

SPEAKERS:

JIM SINGLETON – Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs. Pastor Singleton's leadership style is to provide a resource, to both staff and laity, in achieving God's call. He has the managerial skills to see a vision come alive, as well as inspiring people to realize their God-given talents. **Singleton will energetically inject enthusiasm and humor to encourage initiative and creativity among the people who come together for this retreat.**

JEANNE HEFFERNAN – Member of the Department of Humanities and Augustinian Traditions at Villanova University, Washington, D.C. She has published articles on Christianity and politics, democratic theory, and the relationship between faith and learning. She is currently editing a book on Catholic and Protestant contributions to the discussion of civil society.

MUSICIAN:

David Tolley – See previous listing.

ARTISTS:

C. D. and Myra Weaver – Nature sculpture
Marolyn Upshaw-Lynch – Charcoal and pastels

Cost per person: \$345 Lodge/\$420 Black Bluff

For retreat financial assistance, contact Ann Jack at 830-792-1230 or email annjack@LaityLodge.org.
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Laity Lodge Retreats ~ Fall 2005

Unless otherwise indicated, retreats listed begin at 7:00 p.m. with dinner and conclude at noon on the last day of the retreat. A nonrefundable \$50 deposit is required and will be returned if space is not available in that particular retreat. All meals, programs, and sleeping accommodations are included. If this is not your church's retreat, please call the Laity Lodge office at 830-792-1230 to check on room availability. All rooms are double occupancy. Credit cards are now being accepted by mail or phone. We do not accept credit cards by email for retreats at this time. Emails are not secure.

September 16-18 (Friday-Sunday)
Fall Church of Christ Retreat
"Creating a Climate of Creativity"

Ira Hill - Chairman, WhiteHill Oral Technologies, Inc., Stafford, TX
Debbie Williams - Founder of Hill Country Ministries, Kerrville, TX

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September 23-25 (Friday-Sunday)

Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth
Day Spring Baptist Church, Waco

\$180 Lodge /\$230 Black Bluff

Sept. 30-Oct. 2 (Friday-Sunday)

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, San Antonio

Richard Grant - Author, retreat leader, psychologist, Austin, TX

\$180 Lodge/\$230 Black Bluff

October 7-9 (Friday-Sunday)

A Gathering of Churches of Kerrville

Buckner Fanning - Senior Pastor, retired, Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, TX
Louis Zbinden - Senior Pastor, retired, First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX

\$180 Lodge/\$230 Black Bluff

October 10-13 (Monday-Thursday)

MHMR Chaplain's Retreat

October 14-16 (Friday-Sunday)

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Austin
Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation, San Antonio

Roger Paynter - Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Austin, TX

\$180 Lodge/\$230 Black Bluff

October 21-23 (Friday-Sunday)

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin
Men's Retreat

Bob Slocum - Author, president, Polatomic, Dallas, TX

\$180 Lodge/\$230 Black Bluff

October 27-30 (Thursday-Sunday)

Laity Lodge Leaders' Retreat III

Lloyd Ogilvie - 61st Chaplain of the United States Senate, author, speaker, Los Angeles, CA

Randy Lowry - Director, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution and Professor of Law, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

Stephen Clapp - Violinist, Cos Cob, NY

Chris Weldon - Pianist, Los Angeles, CA

\$345 Lodge/\$420 Black Bluff

November 4-6 (Friday-Sunday)

Notre Dame Catholic Church, Kerrville

Brennan Manning - Former priest, author of *Ragamuffin Gospel*, retreat leader, New Orleans, LA

\$180 Lodge/\$230 Black Bluff

November 11-13 (Friday-Sunday)

Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church, Austin

Terry Hargrave - Marriage and Family Therapist, Psychologist, Amarillo, TX

\$180 Lodge/\$230 Black Bluff

November 18-20 (Friday-Sunday)

New Braunfels Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels

\$180 Lodge/\$230 Black Bluff

Dec. 29-Jan. 1, 2006 (Thurs.-Sunday)

New Year's Retreat

Jim Singleton - Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, CO

\$300 Lodge/\$375 Black Bluff



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RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Registration for Laity Lodge retreat to be held _____ (give dates).
 Please enclose deposit (\$50 per person). Deposit applies to the total cost and is nonrefundable.

- Lodge Room
 Black Bluff

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- Laity Lodge Youth Camp
- Foundation Free Camps

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LAITY LODGE YOUTH CAMP is a coed, interdenominational Christian youth camp focusing on spontaneity, fun, and relationships to show kids the best two weeks of their lives, while sharing with them the Gospel message and love of Jesus Christ. LLYC is dedicated to providing campers with healthy fun in an emotionally safe learning environment.

FOUNDATION FREE CAMPS provide free camping facilities for qualified church and community-service groups. The program especially targets children and youth groups in Texas communities who would not otherwise be able to afford such an experience. The goal is to provide a place conducive to healthy Christian character development.

www.TheHighCalling.org serves to connect people in the ordinary circumstances of life with the faith that undergirds and sustains all that we do.

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