

# DOVE TALES



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

**EMILY LEVY**

Camp Hollymont Family,

I am so excited to deliver my first issue of Dove Tales! Stepping into the position of Camp Director has been an answered prayer and a dream come true. Hollymont has always held an incredibly significant place in my heart as this camp molded me into the person I am today. I hope the contents of this page bring you hope and excitement for the future of Camp Hollymont. I ask that you begin praying about FIVE people that you think would benefit from a summer at Hollymont. Next, begin pursuing conversations and opportunities to speak about why you love camp and share all that we have to offer. Word of mouth is by far the best way for us to grow our camp community, so we need your help. We truly believe that God is going to provide us with the means to make this summer one we will never forget!



# A SEASON OF CHANGE

BY: NINA KEEGAN

What is it about a simple change in weather that can bring out the best in people? It's almost like each new season is a new beginning of sorts. Its very representation of newness stirs up changes in our souls. Autumn visions of our favorite warm cozy sweater, rich hot cocoa, and steaming hot apple cider spring into action in our hearts.

The Bible also references new changes and beginnings in our lives as being seasons. Seasons are metaphors for God's perfect timing in delivering us through all the changes He makes in our lives. These certain seasons can bring about the blessings we reap from having been obedient in following him through those changes even if we did not fully understand or welcome them.

**And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9 ESV)**

This scripture tells us to never give up. No matter how long, strenuous, and painstaking the road or trials are in our lives, there is always a new season ahead, a season of new beginnings.

Every day we can make the decision to begin again. We can adopt a positive mindset to overcome, conquer, and live triumphantly. All beginnings must eventually come to an end so a new beginning, a new season, can commence. We need to take the opportunity to look ahead at what can be and forget the what-might-have-beens. We can challenge ourselves to be better, live higher, rise above our own self-appointed limitations. We can look ahead to a new season of thinking, speaking, acting, and living more positively. Each subtle change we implement towards living a more positive life will eventually take root and manifest itself into our days, weeks, months, and years.

We need to be incessantly grateful and thank God continually even when our future seems unclear. We can still stay firmly planted in faith so we will never wither but always prosper and produce good fruit. All glory comes then from daring to begin, daring to change, ushering in each new season, and forever trusting God with each unpredictable new step. Never stop believing and growing. We can never fully know what God's intentions are for us, but we can always do our absolute best with where He has placed us right now. Only then, when we have learned all there is to learn and are truly grateful in this place, this season, will God move us to a new, more bountiful, and blessed season.

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1 ESV)*

# FAITHFUL FALL

BY: MARY MORRISON, COUNSELOR



There is no doubt we all have gone through serious change in these past several months. Not one of us expected this unprecedented time; it's quite clear that God wanted to remind us none of us are in control! We have all made sacrifices and changed our lifestyle, coming to see things in a different light and a new perspective. I heard a quote towards the beginning of the spring when quarantine began from my peloton instructor, Robin Arzon. When referring to the changes we all had to make up this point concerning the limitations from the virus she confidently said, "We can voluntarily accept change or we can involuntarily endure it". As I was vigorously sweating during my workout on the bike, those words from Robin stuck with me. It immediately made me think of God and how we can approach accepting His plan for us. We can see it as an opportunity to live life to the fullest; accepting His plan with a childlike curiosity. Or we can suit up our armor, pretending like we are in control and fight the change God's plan entails for us. We can live a fantasy, and fight the inevitable. I think we can all admit though, this is exhausting to do. Although we all have the tendency to believe we control it all, it's quite clear we don't.

As I finished up my fall semester at Elon in 2019, I realized how unhappy I was at the school. It was not my fit, and it was hard to listen to the voice in my head telling me change was what needed to happen. I wished to suit up my armor and endure. It took some serious faith to recognize that maybe this was what God was calling me to do. I trusted in Him as I made the choice to transfer schools in the midst of the pandemic. My unhappiness drained my energy and allowed me to fully give it up to God, knowing He would not lead me astray. I took the spring of 2020 off from school since this next step of my life would require a pause from academics. I needed to focus my time and energy on the next steps of my life, and what all this change was going to mean for me. I decided to transfer to Furman, which was not easy since after a hard experience at Elon, it was natural for me to expect Furman would be just the same. I realized I had to take a step back and let God handle this transition as well. I decided to accept this next change, and had to have faith that this would be good.

All the faith and acknowledgement of God's plan did not lead me astray, I am currently at Furman loving the school to the full potential. I have joined a sorority, and found people who are my kind of people. My life has taken a turn for the better, but it took serious faith and acceptance to get to this point. I have learned that we often have to trust in God's goodness even when it feels like we should be the ones in control. We have to learn it's okay to set down that heavy armor and let God lead the way down the path that will be uniquely our own. The virus has reminded us change happens all the time, and we don't always see it coming. God throws us curveballs but with faith, we will hit the homerun.

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# CAMPER CORNER

BY: EMILY GARCIA



Camp Hollymont changed my life in more ways that you can count. But the biggest impact was through my friends. I made so many new friends who helped me realize so many new great things. I was taught by my friends and helped to see so many different experiences that influenced my home life. My friends have taught me to be faithful, kind, inclusive, compassionate, selfless, proud, and to have fun!! My life would be so much different today without Camp Hollymont and all the wonderful loving girls there with me.

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# SKILLS ARE WHERE YOU HAVE FUN!

With over 20 skills to choose from, Camp Hollymont is always looking to provide opportunities for campers to try something new! This summer will be monumental as we kick off our first summer at our new home in Rabun Gap, Georgia. With our new campus comes a chance for us to provide campers with more skill choices! We are looking forward to expanding our creative arts options by offering both Ceramics and Cirque to the skill list for 2021.



Within a dedicated studio space, campers have the opportunity to gather and learn techniques on hand-building ceramic art. A qualified arts teacher will lead campers in the creation of several ceramic pieces and campers will be able to complete their pieces with paint and the use of a kiln.



The Rabun Gap Cirque program is a cornerstone of the arts department. Founded in 2001, Rabun Gap has served as one of the earliest and longest running high school cirque programs in the country. Utilizing trainers from Asheville, Atlanta, Athens, and the surrounding area, campers will be taught cirque skills including Spanish web, aerial silks, trapeze, German wheel, aerial lyra, tumbling, and acrobatics!

Both of these skill offerings are open to ages 7-15!



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VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL  
CAMP SHOWS!**

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CAMP HOLLYMONT 2021

**KIDS NEED CAMP NOW MORE THAN EVER!**

Meet our Camp Director and join us for an online gathering of camp friends, both new and returning! Learn about all we have to offer you your daughter this summer!



## New & Returning Camp Families:

• REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING ZOOM GATHERING! •

REGISTER USING THE LINK BELOW:

<https://rb.gy/cvoqpz>



*Interested in hosting an in-person or virtual camp show?  
Please email  
[emily@hollymont.com](mailto:emily@hollymont.com) to  
schedule! We need YOU to  
help us make this summer the  
BEST!*

**Who: YOU!**  
**Date: October 22, 27, 28  
or 29**  
**Time: 4:30 PM EST**  
**Where: Your Home!**

REGISTER USING THE LINK ABOVE. YOU WILL RECEIVE DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO JOIN ONE DAY BEFORE THE SHOW!

