



*"...stop and consider the wondrous works of
God." - Job 37:14*

THE WHY

When this newsletter goes out, we will be 2 weeks since the end of our 2026 Camp Season. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been closing out the various camp administrative tasks, recording/releasing an end of summer Camp Tales podcast with some of our counselors (which I would encourage you to check out!), conducting end of summer debriefs with some counselors, and saying goodbye to others.



During the recording of that podcast episode, toward the end, we referenced two specific campers, and I was reminded of a very important ministry principle:

The **WHY** behind what we do here at Bancroft.

There are truly many reasons why we do what we do.

- Our ministry mission statement says that we exist *“to serve the local church, the body of Christ, and our community for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom.”*
- We tell our counselors in counselor training that *“camp is for the campers.”*
- We tell our rental groups that we want to help them accomplish their goals by taking as much off their plate as possible so they can focus on what’s most important.

But there is a deeper **WHY** that motivates all of this and more.



THE NEXT 100 YEARS...

To serve the local church, the body of Christ, and our community for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom by being...

1. Biblical



2. Intentional



3. Relational



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

To us whose needs He has so graciously met, God has given a trust, may we prove faithful to the trust, that souls may be saved and His name honored and glorified.

- Miss Anna M. Lewis

If you attended our 100-year celebration a couple years back you may have seen some of the 4'x8' banners that highlighted the 100-year history of Bancroft Gospel Ministry. There were 11 banners in all, but the last one was titled, “The Next 100 Years.” This banner answered the **WHY** through a scripture passage and quote and showed how we intended to accomplish it.

The **WHY** is based on **Matthew 28:19-20**,

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

And the **WHY** is based on a quote from our founder, **Miss Anna M. Lewis**,

“To those whose needs He has so graciously met, God has given a trust, may we prove faithful to the trust, that souls may be saved and His name honored and glorified.”

So, what is our **WHY**?

To see **LIVES CHANGED** and **GOD’S NAME GLORIFIED**.

I believe we accomplished this, particularly with those two campers, and hopefully many more this summer, by being:

- **Biblical**
- **Intentional**
- **Relational**

We want to see lives changed through the sound preaching and teaching of God’s word. Whether through our chapels, cabin devotions, missions and crafts, or through the songs that we sing, we want our campers to be taught the truth of God’s word!

We want to see lives changed by being intentional in our programming, interactions with campers, and service to others as we point them to Christ!

We want to see lives changed by building relationships with the campers that they may feel loved, cared for, accepted, seen, heard, encouraged, and challenged as a reflection of the relationship they can have with Christ!

We want to see **LIVES CHANGED** and **GOD’S NAME GLORIFIED**.

This is our **WHY**...

...and it was good to be reminded of it.

Derrick Marrs
Ministry Director



STOP & CONSIDER PODCAST SEASON 3!



WE ARE BACK!!!

Season 3 of the STOP & Consider podcast is just around the corner! With Episode 1 launching August 14, we have 10 great episodes lined up for your listening and viewing enjoyment and can't wait for you to check them out!

We will also be celebrating our **1-year podcast birthday** during this season and we want you to celebrate with us!

We will be having a birthday celebration episode where we will highlight listener comments as a way to celebrate! Plus, instead of us receiving birthday gifts, one lucky listener will win a special giveaway!

Submit your comments, reviews, and highlights to us either through Facebook ([Bancroft Bible Camp Kingsport](#)), email at bancroftgospel1@gmail.com, or through dropping a review wherever you listen to your podcast!

Every person who submits a comment, review, or highlight will automatically be entered into the giveaway, and the winner will be announced in our birthday celebration episode! (*Deadline for submissions is **OCTOBER 2!***)

Celebrate with us and thanks for listening!

If you aren't familiar with podcasts or how to listen to them, feel free to simply visit our website and listen from there. Here is the link for your convenience:

www.bancroftgospelministry.org/stopandconsider

If you are into the podcast world, below are the links to your favorite podcast platforms for easy access. Currently, the only podcast that has video is through Spotify, but videos to YouTube are coming in Season 2! Be sure to subscribe, like, and comment!

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Throughout the month of August, we are bringing back

SPLASH DAYS!!

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