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Dove cabin at the Wolf River Refuge

SBR—RADIO AND PODCAST MINISTRY

-Dave Wager

The ministry of Silver Birch Ranch has continually grown throughout the years as we continue to support our churches and reach our nation for Christ. What has not changed is our desire to remain effective at our mission (To Know Christ and to Make Him Known), and be safe, fun, and affordable. What has changed are some of the programs and methods.

Being involved in teaching for years has led to additional opportunities to teach on radio and through podcasts. Several years ago, we partnered with Q90.fm out of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and now have regular radio and podcast programs available to all. Two programs were developed with and

for Q90, and two were developed as unique podcast offerings.

The two radio programs are “Thinking Aloud” and “Younger-Older.” Thinking Aloud is a three-minute devotional series, whereas the Younger-Older program is a conversation between generations.

The two programs available in podcast-only format are “NighTime” and “Foster Family Connect.” NighTime is unique and designed to help people unwind or go to sleep thinking Biblical thoughts. Foster Family Connect is a Bible study to help encourage those involved in foster care.

At the writing of this article, there have been over 116,000 downloads of these programs and thousands who listen via radio. We continue to thank those who support Silver Birch Ranch and its various ministries, and ask you to pray that these podcasts will be effectively used to build and encourage the church.

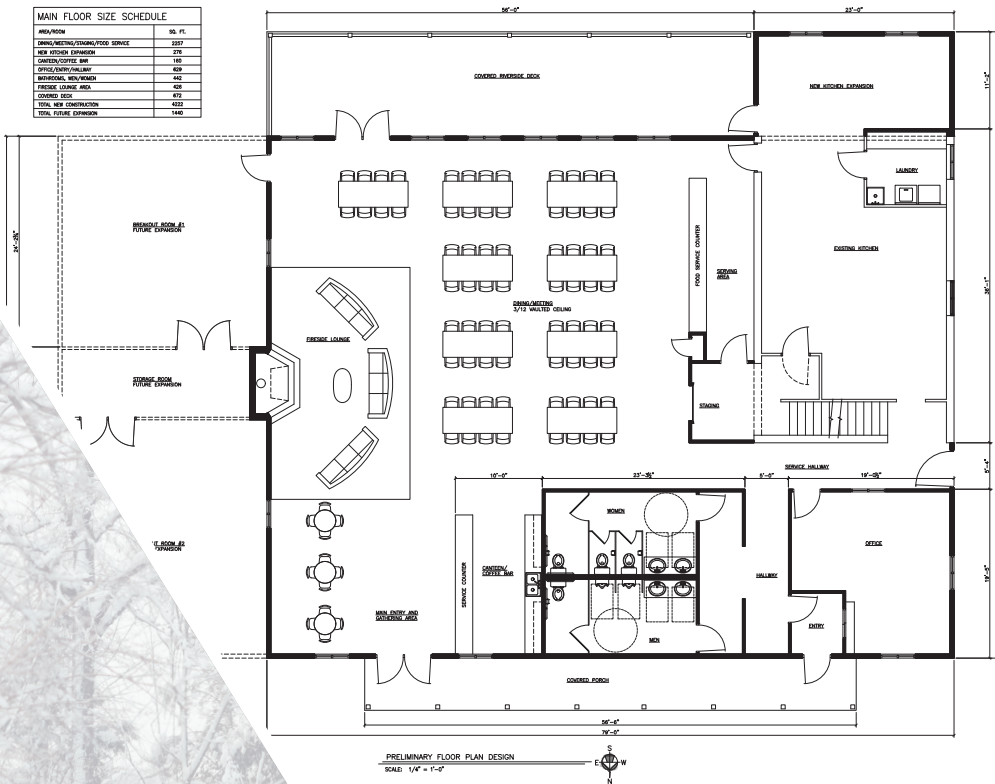
You can find these podcasts at: podbean.com/relate365.

OPPORTUNITIES AT THE REFUGE

As we look back over the years, we see many ways in which God has provided SBR opportunities to share the Gospel. The Wolf River Refuge is one area where we see God doing some incredible things. With its intimate atmosphere, cozy cabins, and beautiful scenery, it has become the perfect destination for youth groups that want to find time together apart from distractions. It is a great setting for discipleship and spiritual growth to take place because a group can take the whole facility themselves, which is a totally different experience than we can offer at the main campus of SBR.

If you are part of a youth group that is looking for the perfect space for summer camp this summer, then look no further. The Wolf River Refuge can be the place to spark spiritual growth for your group.

We also ask that you join us in praying for the Wolf River Refuge. With the growth of any ministry, there are always practical needs that need to be met. One of the biggest things that we are seeking God about now is for an addition to our Lodge building so that we can have a better meeting room and dining room facility for groups that come. Work has begun on preliminary plans of what that addition could look like. We are excited to see what God has in store at The Refuge as we dream of using this facility to help others find and follow Jesus.



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\$600 total
9. New Arrows
\$100 total
10. Cross-Country Ski Equipment
\$200 each

If you can help with one of these items, please contact us at 715-484-2742. Silver Birch Ranch is a 501(c)(3) organization. All gifts are tax-deductible and are appreciated. If you are interested in finding out about other ways to support the ministry of Silver Birch Ranch, visit our website.

WOLF RIVER REFUGE ADDITION PRELIMINARY FLOOR PLAN DESIGN



NBI MISSION TRIP 2022

Lighthouse Christian Camp – Smithville, TN

Several NBI students spent a week at Lighthouse Christian Camp helping prepare for a massive Christmas event for 350 elementary-age girls. Lighthouse is committed to working solely with underserved children - all campers are scholarshiped. This Christmas event is the largest single event of the year.

Thousands of gifts were sorted, organized, packaged, and priced. On the big day, participants were given “money” to buy gifts for their families. By groups they enjoyed singing Christmas carols, eating Christmas cookies, writing thank-you cards to donors, wrapping gifts, eating lunch, and listening to a Gospel presentation.



FOSTER FAMILY CONNECT—SBR RIDING ARENA!

-Mike Jewell

The Foster Family Connect division of Silver Birch Ranch is growing. A pole shed is being built to house hay storage, and the current barn will be converted into a riding arena for a horse therapy program for foster children. SBR continues to offer free camps to foster children each summer, and free retreats to foster families at the Wolf River Refuge. This is all in addition to sponsoring foster family support groups and supplying clothes, car seats, childcare services, and cribs to foster families with emergency placements. You can find out more about Foster Family Connect at our website: www.fosterfamilyconnect.org. Perhaps God is burdening you to serve the foster community in your area.





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