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After almost 25 years of incredible dedication, hard work, and servant leadership, Tim Tomcik is retiring as Bear Lake Camp's Camp Manager. Bear Lake Camp has been greatly impacted by the service and commitment of Tim and Sally's ministry here. Nearly 25 years ago it was evident to all involved that God was calling Tim and Sally to Bear Lake Camp as we all witnessed how God provided the necessary finances and unexpected home neighboring the camp after they had taken a major step of faith in relocating from Mansfield, OH.

Tim joined the camp as the second full-time staff member ever hired at BLC. It was as Tim arrived that the camp embarked on the Dining Hall Renovation Project. Since then, his skills have been integral to the construction or renovation of every building on the camp grounds; helping the camp grow not only its Summer Program but also its year round retreat ministry. From the renovations of all the cabins, the Ministry Activity Center, the new Chapel, as well as 3 guest houses the camp now owns, you can't miss Tim's handywork and craftsmanship.

Tim has led and served here with a Servant's Heart and has been a great member of our staff team over the years – always willing to do what was necessary to facilitate campers having a better experience at camp. One could always say that Tim and Sally have been 'all in' by the ways that they have welcomed and encouraged both campers and staff to glorify God and treasure Christ as an overflow of their own love for Christ and being gracious stewards of their giftings. They have effectively lived out the camp's foundational Scripture: Philippians 3:10, "My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead."

Tim and Sally, the Bear Lake Camp community has been so blessed by your commitment, leadership and skill sets over the years. We cannot say "Thank you" enough for all the ways you have invested and served. You have touched many lives as you have ministered to and led by example. You have helped build this ministry to a place where more kids can come away and hear the Truth and experience the love of Christ in community. Thank you for your passion, loyalty and service.

Tim and Sally plan to stay connected to BLC in their retirement, transitioning to a new role as volunteers and consultants for which we are incredibly thankful.

All are invited to an Open House on Saturday Dec. 7 from 10:00a-2:00p in honor of Tim & Sally's 25 years of ministry here at Bear Lake. We encourage you to stop by the Dining Hall and honor their God-glorifying service. Refreshments will be provided.



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