

# MOUNTAIN VIEW BIBLE CAMP

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## MVBC Wish List

- 2 New lifeguard rescue tubes
- Heavy duty pool umbrellas
- Portable LCD projector
- 10 easily washable bath mats for staff quarters
- Air hockey table
- Pool table
- Taxidermy animals

### ITEMS RECEIVED:

- Some sports items
- Nurse's office supplies
- Popcorn Maker
- 16 Pampered Chef bread pans
- 4 washable bath mats for staff quarters
- 8 burner event gas grill

## MVBC FULL TIME STAFF

**Jonathan & Annemieke Stassel - Administrator**

**Fritz & Lottie Geiger - Operations/Bookkeeping**

**Jim and Agnes Schulte - Food Service**

*MVBC is looking for a Maintenance Manager and a Foodservice Assistant! See Board letter inside.*



This newsletter is published for those interested in Mountain View Bible Camp. Letters, comments and questions are welcome. Please send them to:

**Mountain View Bible Camp**  
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Call 570-672-2296 or Fax 570-672-2510  
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# The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Fall 2010

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## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him...Psalm 8:3-4a NKJV*

Dear friends of Mountain View,

As November arrives, my mind turns toward a season of Thanksgiving. Though things at camp seem to slow down some, life continues to move by at a rapid pace. As I think back in time, I remember working with an older gentleman, who at the end of a busy work day asked the construction crew I was with to sit down on the freshly completed roof and simply enjoy the beautiful fall leaves. We had been so busy working, that I almost missed this spectacular sight. Camp held this same desire for each camper who came this year. The theme of "Consider the Heavens" was chosen to cause us to slow down and catch a glimpse of the Creator, His creation and enjoy the relationship He wants to have with each one of us. What a thought, God created the things of earth for our enjoyment, though marred by sin. How marvelous is the One who came to be the Savior of the world. He is mindful of you. Are you mindful of Him?

As the end of 2010 approaches, it is always good to look back, review and count the many blessings God has granted this ministry. One of the blessings of the year was seeing many

campers attend the camp sessions offered, with a number of them professing salvation and a number more of rededications. Another was seeing the many quality volunteers, who came to serve the campers as counselors, sports directors, medical personnel, food service workers and support staff. Each one is vital to the program, and I believe God will bless all who served. A special thank you goes out to each one who came to serve.

Speaking of serving, Mountain View is looking for two individuals to join the camp team. If you believe the Lord is calling you to serve Him as Maintenance/Operations Manager or as Food-service Assistant/Manager, we would like to hear from you. Both of these areas are vital to the camp's year round operations and require dedicated and willing workers. As a young boy, I had a growing desire to serve the Lord at camp. However, for me, serving at camp full time only became a reality in January

1997. Has the Lord been calling you to consider year round full time camp service? If so, please contact camp for more information.

As we prepare to leave 2010 behind, we also begin looking ahead. We need to reach forward to those things which are ahead, and continue to press toward the goal. Mountain View's goal continues to be to share the love of Jesus and the gift of eternal life, which He offers to all who will believe, and to disciple all that pass through the doors of this ministry.

Please join us in giving thanks for the past blessings and pray with us for the Lord's direction and help in pointing individuals to look up toward the heavens. Jesus is coming! Could it be today?

*Jonathan Stassel*  
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



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# AGING FACILITIES REQUIRE FACE LIFT!

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### *Prayer & Praise*

#### Prayer

- For a maintenance operations manager
- For a foodservice assistant/manager
- For increased attendance at each camp session
- For willing workers and directors for each camp session, especially for Family Camps
- For health and safety for the full time workers
- For a camp theme for 2011
- For direction as future construction projects are considered:
- A.** Replace 6 old cabins with 3 new duplex cabins - Duplex plan currently being designed
- B.** Pavilion / Bathhouse near pool
- For a good value of timber MVBC is considering harvesting to help defray the cost of duplex cabin construction.

#### Praise:

- For contributions sent to cover Camper Assistance / Scholarship fund
- For contributions sent to the yearly shortfall of the General fund
- For all who willingly came to serve at camp
- For God's blessing on each camp session
- For all who willingly came to serve at camp
- For some wish list items that were donated
- For thankful hearts for all that the Lord has done
- For the 2010 camp theme: Consider the Heavens



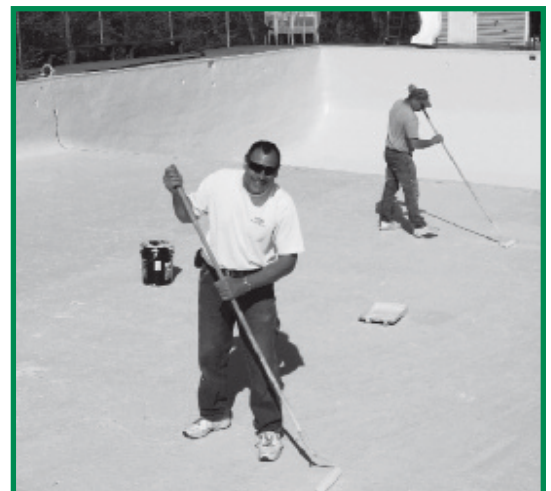
As many of you know, Mountain View was established in 1968. Now entering our 43rd year of ministry, we see the need to upgrade various facilities. Over the past few months, a number of larger projects have been undertaken and completed. The entrance portion of the Activity Center has been upgraded with new windows and vinyl siding. The two existing duplex cabins have been sided with vinyl. The Hardwood Lodge has an upgraded smoke alarm system. New replacement windows have been installed in the Galley and kitchen areas. New replacement windows are ready to be installed in the chapel, office, nurse's office and rest rooms of the main building. For us here at camp it is a real noticeable improvement.

What's next on the list of things to do? As time and funds allow, camp will continue to target various buildings, desiring to make them as energy efficient and maintenance free as possible. We have seen nearly a 30% increase in our electricity cost during the first nine months of 2010 due to the deregulation of Pennsylvania Power and Light. This concerns us, as we desire to keep the cost of camp as low as possible. MVBC is exploring propane hot water on demand units for both the foodservice and Hardwood Lodge areas of camp, which would help reduce electricity usage.

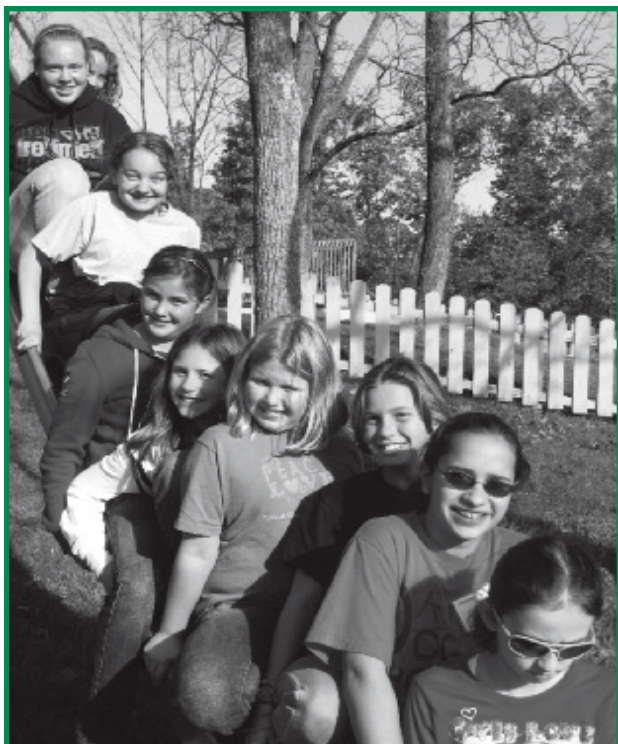
Camp has been working on a back up generator and transfer switch system as well. We have been in contact with the local power company and continue to pursue this need. A back up system seems to be a growing need for camp since we have experienced a number of power outages which have recently affected some programs. A system like this would help provide water, sewer, food service, heating/cooling, etc..., which can be vital should there be a lengthy power disruption

Further more, camp is working on a new duplex design. The six older cabins need to be replaced. The plan is to remove two cabins at a time and replace them with one new duplex cabin. These new cabins would include a bathroom in each room, making them more useful for camp sessions of every age. This project would require additional power, water and sewer infrastructure and a number of building permits. As to cost, we are gathering material pricing and should have solid costs by the spring. We are also looking into timbering some of the camp property. Timber prices seem to be up and monies acquired from timber sales will help cover some of the costs of building a new duplex cabin.

*Please pray with us for the Lord's clear direction and provision for each of these projects.*







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- B. I would like to help needy Campers (Scholarships). \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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# ***COMING SOON...***

## **WINTER ESCAPE**

**Ages 13-19**  
**December 26-30**

“The Thrill of Victory” John 15:11 Come join us as we consider the Victory and Joy we have as believers in Christ. Get this information in the relaxed, fun atmosphere that Winter Escape always provides. (Also, don’t forget about skiing and tubing and music and skits and games and food...) Register early to reserve your slot. See you on the mountain!

**Cost: \$170 (+ Skiing \$30 - \$62 or Tubing \$20 - \$35)**  
**Bus Fee \$20 extra**  
**Registration Deadline: Dec. 12**







# Showers of Blessings

## REPORT ON INTERMEDIATE CAMP 2010

A total of 39 campers (23 girls & 16 boys) attended Intermediate Week this year. The theme of our main studies was "Jesus the Great I am". Steve Campbell gave the lectures which covered the Lord Jesus as the Bread of Life (John 6:35), the Light of the World (John 8:12), the Door (John 10:9), the Good Shepherd (John 10:11), the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25), the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6) and the True Vine (John 15:1). During the evening sessions we reinforced the overall theme of Mountain View Bible Camp this summer, "Consider the Heavens" by looking at the handiwork of God in the creation (Rom 1:19-20).

During the week, one camper made a profession of faith while four others stayed behind to receive counseling for the assurance of their salvation. The Lord blessed us by providing mature individuals to serve as counselors to assist with this work. It has become obvious that having a blend of experienced individuals to serve as senior counselors and younger individuals to assist as junior counselors is the ideal combination. If any are available to serve in this capacity in any of the camp sessions, please let us know of your availability.

Sam Headley, Director



*Senior Week  
Lego Challenge*

# From the Board of Trustees...

*They strengthened their hands  
for this good work.*

*~ Nehemiah 2:18*

Dear brothers and sisters,

It has been the pleasure of the board of Mountain View Bible Camp to be occupied with the service of camp as it ministers to the spiritual needs and fun camp experiences of the saints. How excellent that our Lord has faithfully provided us a place where the saved and unsaved can come under the hearing of God's merciful word for salvation or encouragement.

This past summer, by our Lord's grace, we again experienced souls being saved and many making commitments to the Lord and the faith. Your prayers for this work, this place, and the full-time workers and staff have been vital and effective. Please continue your support of this work as our Father hears and answers in love. We would again update you dear saints about the needs at MVBC so we can pray together and ask the Lord to continue to shower His mercies upon camp, supplying the needs as He deems fit.

## New Staff Needed

One of camp's primary needs concerns full-time staff support for maintenance and food service work. MVBC is looking to the Lord to exercise individuals to fill the positions of maintenance manager and food service assistant/manager. Part-time support in these areas could also be helpful. Any who desire to serve the Lord in these roles should contact Jon Stassel, camp administrator, at 570-672-2296 or [js-tassel@evenlink.com](mailto:js-tassel@evenlink.com) to inquire about the functions and responsibilities of the work. Please pray with us that the Lord will supply these needs in a timely manner through His people.

## Present Staff Needs

The board of Mountain View would also mention the needs of current camp staff for your prayerful consideration. Just as many are affected personally by the economic conditions, so too the board is aware of needs experienced by the full-time workers. All those at camp continue to do a good service for the Lord, yet we would make you aware that family circumstances for some and the normal effects of age for others are creating needs.

May the Lord move our hearts to thank God for these dear ones who have "laid their hands to the plow" for the glory of the Lord and our blessing. Let us also not forget to minister to their needs financially as the Lord prospers us.

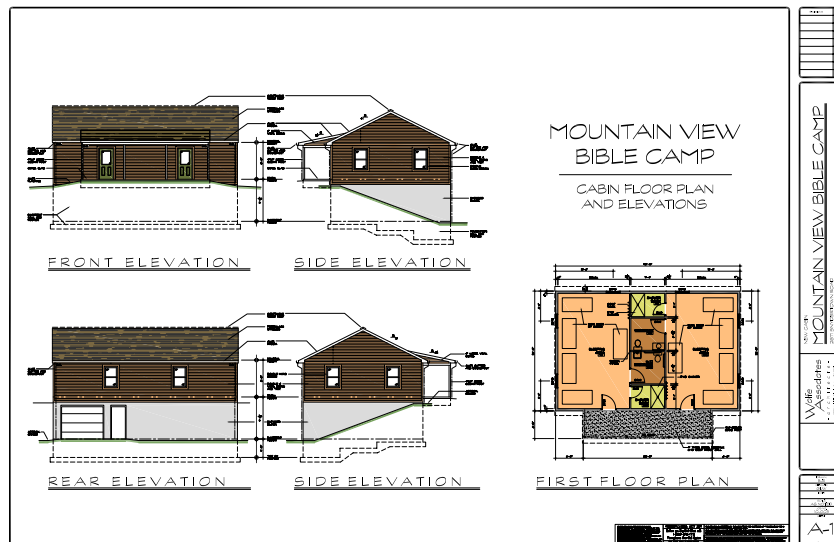
## Physical Plant Progress

As we talk about aging, we are pleased to share that the Lord has led us to make plans for replacing four deteriorating cabins with two duplexes, each with two full bathrooms. They will accommodate 32 campers and eight staff for our summer youth camps and will nicely house four families during family camps. As to cost, we expect that camp will receive some funds from logging the property of some hardwood, and we ask you to pray with us that the Lord will supply the additional funds needed for this and other future enhancements at camp.

The fall camp sessions have been spiritually profitable for those in attendance. In September, there was encouragement from God's Word for families during Wilderness Weekend and for many sisters from various assemblies during Ladies' Retreat. One highlight for the sisters was the trip to Emmanuel Home to praise the Lord with the older saints there. We trust the Lord will continue to encourage and enrich the children and young people in the remaining fall and winter camps.

With love in our Blessed Lord Jesus to all, on behalf of MVBC,

*The Board of Trustees*



*Proposed Duplex Cabin design*





## ***Mountain View's Mission:***

*This ministry will strive to provide well maintained residence facilities and grounds in order to:*

*\* Disseminate the truths of the Bible and glorify God in all areas of camp ministry.*

*\* Stress the necessity of salvation, sound Biblical doctrine and a deeper consistent walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*\* Provide innovative, challenging, nature-based educational camping for people of all ages.*