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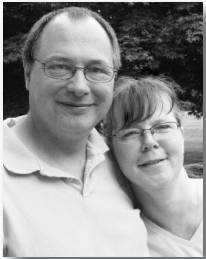


Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Fall 2015

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Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 NKJV

The past few months have provided a number of wonderful memories and a few bitter sweet ones. Throughout the entire year, it has been a joy to see each camper's smiling face as they enjoyed the various programs designed for them and their peers. Many volunteer staff were present to share the Lord Jesus with them, passing on words of encouragement and affecting spiritual growth. If it were not for campers and committed staff, camp would be just a bunch of buildings gathering dust. Instead, during each program, this facility comes alive with activity designed to help mold individual bodies, minds and souls. Keeping with this year's theme of "Let your light so shine before men", both staff and campers were able to shine, letting their light be seen by others. What a great year it has been.

One bitter sweet memory is the demolition of old cabins 1, 2, 5 & 6. Recently, I was reminiscing with some other individuals regarding the days the 6 small cabins were built. I remember helping build those 6 structures; erecting the walls, shingling the roofs, and even sleeping in them as a camper. It caused me to think back on some of my counselors and men-

countless memories have been made. Recently, I saw a post on MVBC's group page of Facebook which read, "#Bestsleepovercampever!"

I personally agree with this individual and encourage each of you to make plans for your next Mountain Top Experience here at Mountain View Bible Camp. If you have

not been here for a few years, you might be very surprised with all the facility improvements. If you are a regular, I look forward to seeing you again real soon.

Till we meet again, may

the Lord help you to **"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven".**

Jonathan Stassel
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



tors, some of whom are with the Lord now, and consider the Word of God and the life lessons they shared and lived out in front of me. I find myself feeling thankful for the many individuals God has used to impact my life.

Over the years, there have been many people serving people in this ministry called Mountain View Bible Camp. Many good friendships have been forged and

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2015 INTERMEDIATE CAMP WEEK

Luke 24: 27

Prayer & Praise

PRAYER

- For a Food Service Manager
- For additional full time staff
- For a pool of screened volunteers to serve at camp
- For increased attendance at each camp session
- For willing workers and directors for each camp session
- For additional rental groups
- For the health and safety for the full time workers
- For the necessary funds needed to complete maintenance projects, as well as two additional duplex cabins

PRAISE

- For the completion of the Bathhouse Pavilion and receiving the final occupancy certificate
- For many willing volunteers who have completed the mandatory background screening
- For contributions sent to cover Camper Assistance / Scholarship fund
- For contributions sent to help with new construction and maintenance
- For donations of some wish list items
- For God's blessing on each camp session
- For thankful hearts for all that the Lord has done
- For health and safety of each camper and worker
- For some new and growing rental groups

A total of 46 campers (23 boys and 23 girls) attended Intermediate Week 2015 from July 12th to 18th. As in past years, Stephen Campbell gave the lessons which were based upon **Luke 24: 13-32**. Our goal was to teach the campers that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Key to the Scriptures.

Over the course of the five lessons at camp, Stephen presented lectures showing that prophecies in the Old Testament, the sacrifices, many Old Testament characters, and some of the events that were described in the Old Testament pointed forward to the Lord Jesus Christ. He concluded his lectures by looking at portions taken primarily from the book of Hebrews showing that through Christ, God has something better for us who believe (**Hebrews 11:40**).



The Gospel was presented each day in a variety of ways and several campers were counseled regarding their salvation. After the evening Gospel meeting, many campers stayed behind to receive counseling regarding the assurance of their salvation. This was an excellent camp session, for which we truly thank the Lord. We would like to encourage anyone who reads this report to send their young people along to the appropriate age group camp in 2016 if the Lord has not returned. If you have any interest or

availability to serve at camp, we urge you to contact Jon Stassel for more details regarding the clearance procedure that the state of Pennsylvania has recently enacted. Our desire is to increase the number of campers who attend these camp sessions, but to do so we need individuals in the local assemblies to "get the word out" regarding the camps and to encourage individuals who can, to make themselves available to serve during these sessions. Without good staff, we cannot run these camp sessions.

-Sam Headley, Director



JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE FALL WEEKEND

"How good is the God we adore, our faithful unchangeable friend. Whose love is as great as His power, which knows neither measure or end".

It was a wonderful time at Junior Intermediate camp this Fall. We were hit with enormous obstacles this year, one being the hurricane which drenched the Northeast area. We were encouraged in the fact that the one who is in control of the rain and the winds could very much so protect us from any natural danger. And God did just that in a miraculous way. Our weekend forecast was "God Reigns and the Son Shines".

Though parents were afraid of the outcome of the hurricane, it didn't hinder many children from coming out. We had a little over 60 campers and close to 25 staff members. We had a topic of "Remaining Lit In a Darkening World". Our examples were found in the lives of Peter, Joseph, and of course The Lord Jesus Christ. "This Little Light of Mine" was sung on numerous occasions as we all were encouraged to let our light shine wherever we go. We go to camp to teach and motivate these youth, but so often they do the motivating as they continually open up to their counselors. The Gospel went out with power and thankfully there were a few who gave their lives to Christ. Truly, God is good. If the Lord permits, we all are looking forward to seeing what He has in store for us in the Spring.

-Joval Wilson, Director

FALL SENIOR WEEKEND

Fall Senior Weekend 2015 highlighted the joy and purpose of being a part of God's kingdom, since He has brought us into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Colossians 1:13). God's design for the ages includes His plan for an everlasting kingdom, even though the power of darkness seems to have its way now. Sami Asaad (Shelton, CT) developed this theme with helpful instruction about God's great King, Christ Jesus Himself, as well as the reality and opportunity for us to serve Him now. Of course, Christ is much more than the King of believers today! Yet we should also appreciate Him as the King. He will have a future place of universal honor, and He deserves that place in our hearts, too. (Recordings of these messages will be available soon for those who may be interested.)

The typical relaxed atmosphere of Fall Senior Weekend included the famous Saturday Brunch, complete with a Royal Table of honored subjects. Rick and Keith Petersen (Clark, NJ) arranged some excellent medieval-style games, including log tosses, potato gun target practice, and shaving-cream jousting. Campers also enjoyed the late-night Belgian waffle snack bar, prepared by Jim Schulte and his dedicated weekend dining staff. Together, we all benefited in spirit, soul, and body during Fall Senior Weekend 2015!

- Stephen Campbell, Director



Up-date of “The Plan” for Future Projects

Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me... And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

- NEHEMIAH 2:18

Mountain View Bible Camp continues to be a great work sustained by the Lord. He chooses to use valued servants to fill many vital rolls of this ministry. Some He uses to direct programs and counsel children. Others He equips to serve in food service, maintenance and activities. Still others He has blessed so that they have the means to support the many financial needs that arise. Ultimately, His desire is to affect a positive life altering change in the heart of every individual that is touched through this ministry. After all, He has a plan for Mountain View Bible Camp and He has been orchestrating it since 1968 when He chose to start this ministry.

THE PRESENT:

Bath House Pavilion Project: We are thankful this project is complete and the final Occupancy Certificate is in hand. A willing donor graciously furnished the kitchen area with a new stainless steel sink, a 6 burner commercial stove with oven, a stainless steel work table and a refrigerator. Those who have utilized this facility have offered great reviews, sharing that this building is a wonderful addition to the facility.

Duplex cabin 2 & 3: Presently, we are excavating the foundations for Duplex 2 & 3. The building permits, which have been in hand for almost 2 years, had to be executed in order to keep them from expiring. As additional funds become available, we will continue work on both structures.

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THE FUTURE:

Up-Dating of “The Plan”: Some maintenance has started on the Stony Pine Activity Center and Hardwood Lodge dorm which have been in need of vinyl siding (\$ 5,000 funds still needed), window replacement (\$5,000 funds still needed) and restroom remodeling (\$8,000 funds still needed). Renovations to the front of Hardwood Lodge have already taken place. The Lord provided new front lobby windows and an entrance door. Additional insulation and new siding are completed on the front wall, leaving 3 walls to insulate and side. The Stony Pine Activity Center is also slated for siding before next summer.

As stated above, foundation excavation has begun on Duplex Cabin 2 & 3 (\$85,000 per duplex). Originally, we had planned to start one last October. That plan had to be modified, partly because the Bath House Pavilion project was not complete, but also due to lack of funds and available manpower.

Financial Need: As the Lord supplies the needed funds, we will proceed with construction and maintenance projects. We kindly ask you to pray with us for wisdom regarding how quickly we can proceed.



Manpower Need: Many hands make light work. If you have time and would like to come and help with any or all of these projects, please let us know.

We would love to have you join us.

Thank you for your continued prayers and interest in this area of the Lord's work.



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.

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SHARING SMILES



Up-Date PA Law requiring Background Clearances for ALL Volunteers

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. -1 Peter 2:13-14 NKJV

Dear Friends of Mountain View,

As many of you know, the State of Pennsylvania has mandated background screening for all individuals wishing to work with children. Mountain View Bible Camp had implemented a screening package back in March of this year. Some of that screening was processed through a third party vendor. Toward the end of the summer, the Governor of Pennsylvania waved the fees for two of the three required screenings. The PA State Police and PA Department of Welfare (Human Services) are now free for volunteers. This change has saved MVBC a reasonable amount of money. If you have resided in the State of Pennsylvania for the past ten or more years, you are required to complete the first two screening requirements. All other individuals are required to complete the FBI Finger Printing as well.

Required screenings include:

Criminal History Record check – obtained from the PA State Police -FREE
Child Abuse Clearance – obtained through the PA Dept. of Public Welfare - FREE
Federal Criminal History Record – obtained from the FBI - \$27.50 paid by MVBC

A good number of staff (Directors, Counselors, Food Service, Activities Staff, Nurses, etc.) have completed these required screenings. We would like to continue to enlarge our volunteer staff pool by having more individuals complete the screening process. If you are interested in serving at Mountain View Bible Camp in any capacity, please do not delay starting this process as it may take some time to complete all three steps. These clearances can also be used by the individual with any other ministry in Pennsylvania for a period of 5 years. To begin this process, please e-mail Jon Stassel at jstassel@yahoo.com. A helpful step-by-step instruction sheet, including fee waiver codes, will be e-mailed to guide you through the process.

Please share this information with those presently serving, encourage others to consider serving, and pray for the Lord's blessing at MVBC.

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Construction Fund. \$ _____
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- **How to sign up:** Fill out this form (be sure to sign and date it). Send this form to Mountain View Bible Camp. MVBC will do the rest.

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work at Mountain View Bible Camp!

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MVBC WishList

- Air hockey tables
- Taxidermy animals
- Used Skid-Steer on rubber tracks with attachments
- Basketball set-up for the pool
- Board games
- Sandbox toys

ITEMS RECEIVED

- Some sports items
- Food service items
- Medical Supplies
- Construction supplies
- Craft supplies
- Pool water slide
- Commercial stainless steel sink for Pavilion
- Commercial 6 burner stove with oven for Pavilion

- Commercial stainless steel work table for pavilion
- Upright freezer for Pavilion
- Commercial 2 door fridge
- Like new furniture for Stephens Inn living rooms
- Playground equipment
- Eight 6' folding tables
- Four 6' tables
- New front lobby windows for Hardwood Lodge



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