

# The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Fall 2016



## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

### Teach Us To PRAY.

Luke 11:1

Dear friends of Mountain View,

As the leaves begin to turn color, I am reminded that the extra busy summer is over and another new year is just around the corner. This year's theme verse, "Teach us to Pray" has challenged me more than I could have imagined. Throughout the summer, I would see the banner hanging on the fence. It reminded me numerous times each day to pray; pray for campers, staff, God's direction, protection, wisdom, salvation, spiritual growth and even to give thanks for the many blessings He provided each and every day.

I am thankful for the fruit that has been seen in the lives of so many who made an

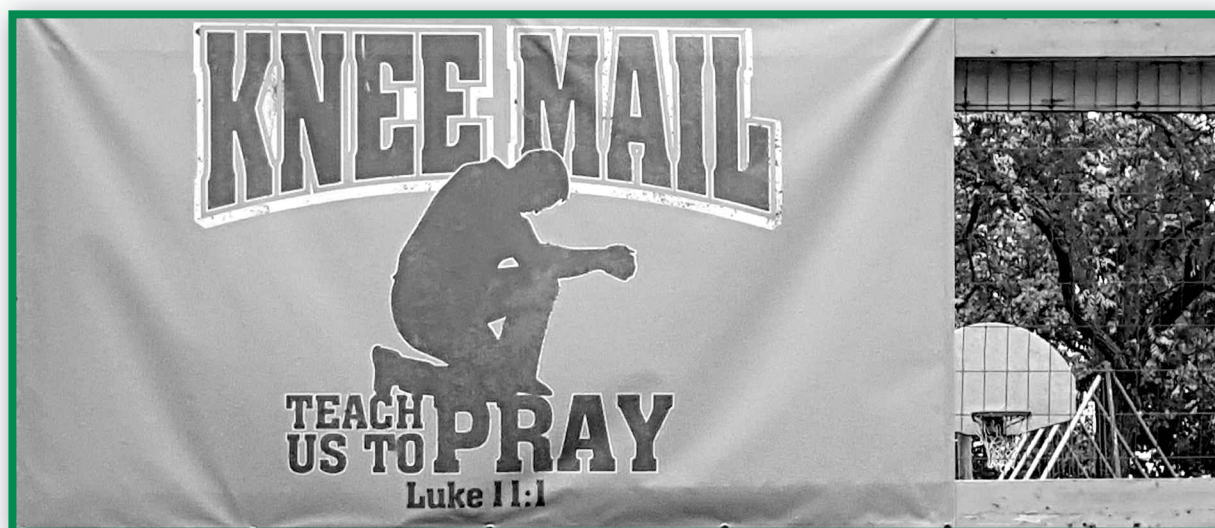
effort to be at one or more camp sessions this year. Without campers, there is no reason to hold camp sessions. Without staff, we could not host campers. God graciously provided both. Now, we continue to pray for the seed sown and the watering done in the lives of many, that it all will bring about spiritual growth which will last eternally.

Since the beginning of September, we have switched gears from hosting 10 continuous weeks of summer camps to serving 6 weekend groups and pushing hard on new construction. Each weekend group requires preparing the facility and providing food service. New construction requires extra coordination of time, finances and volunteers. You may remember that four old cabins had been demolished last fall to make room for 2 new duplex cabins. During the busy summer programs, it is difficult to do

anything more than keep up with food service, programming, maintenance, activities, etc. which consume all the full time staff's energy and attention. Now, we are finding the fall days to be just as busy coordinating camps and rentals, work teams, material vendors, fall maintenance items, and preparing for next year's camp programs.

As we continue to serve the Lord in this ministry, we ask you to keep to praying with us as we desire to meet the many needs of our ever changing world. God is still in control. He is working. He is reaching many. The harvest is great; the time short until His return. Knowing that prayer is our life line to the throne of grace where we find help in time of need, we pray and press on in service for Him. Lord – Teach Us To Pray!

Jonathan Stassel  
Administrator



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# Prayer & Praise

## PRAYER

- For a growing pool of screened volunteers to serve at camp
- For increased attendance at each camp session
- For new campers
- For willing workers and directors for each camp session
- For additional rental groups
- For health and safety for the full time workers
- For the 2 new Duplex Cabins now under construction and the funds needed to complete them
- For the necessary funds needed to complete maintenance projects
- For volunteers to help with construction and maintenance
- For a good used Skid-Steer style machine on rubber tracks with attachments

## PRAISE

- For Sam and Ruth who are now full time in the area of Food Service
- For the progress on Duplexes 2 & 3
- For the blessing of the Online Registration system
- 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



**20**  
**16**

**SUMMER**



**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,**

The State of Pennsylvania has mandated background screening for all individuals wishing to work with children. Mountain View Bible Camp has implemented a screening package.

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](mailto:jstassel@yahoo.com). A helpful step-by-step instruction sheet, including fee waiver codes, will be e-mailed to guide you through the process.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** Staff that have completed all the required screening procedures must be sure to forward electronic and/or paper copies of those files to MVBC as soon as complete. MVBC is required to have them on file. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

**DO YOU HAVE A  
DESIRE TO HELP AT  
CAMP?**

Well, what are you waiting for? If you are waiting for a special invitation,

## HERE IT IS!

I recently spoke with a number of individuals who expressed a desire to serve at camp, but had not completed the background screening process. Once someone is 18 years of age or older, the background screening is mandatory in order to serve at any camp session hosting campers under the age of 18.

So why wait to get this process done? If you wait until the camp session is almost here, you will be too late. The process may take several weeks to hear back from all 3 agencies.

**PLEASE DO NOT DELAY  
START THE SCREENING  
TODAY!**

### Fall Junior/Intermediate Weekend 2016



We are blessed to have ALL of our needs met in one man, the man Christ Jesus. During the weekend camp, we looked at the Lord Jesus being our All in All and our focus was on Him as our Great Physician, our Lifeguard, our Savior, and our Provider. Though a minor dip in overall numbers, we were able to see an increase in new campers. We were challenged as staff to do our part to ensure the gospel was presented to every camper, but also to make sure everyone had a good time,

especially first time campers. This camp in particular almost brought tears to my eyes as the singing was the best I have ever heard. Hearing a room filled with young people singing "Jesus, You Are My All in All" was extremely moving. I pray that the tune and words will resonate with camper and staff alike until we meet our Savior face to face. We concluded the weekend by honoring Jim Schulte for his outstanding service throughout the years. We are always encouraged by his dedication to the kitchen service and this was only a small token of our appreciation.

Your prayers are still needed! These kids, whom I love so dearly, need your prayers. The staff, who have shown consistency to this camp program, need your prayers as well. The Lord has provided us with the grounds at Mountain View Bible Camp and we are simply using what He has provided to serve Him.

**- Joal Wilson, Director**



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# 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

## THE PRESENT:

**Duplex cabin 2 & 3:** Three work weeks have led to some good progress for the construction of camp’s new duplex cabins. These facilities will provide much-needed replacements for older housing units that were no longer usable. One duplex was completed a few years ago, and two more are in the construction phase. As a result of the October 17-21 week, those two structures have shingled roofs. October 31 – November 5 week worked on interior walls, roof insulation and some sheet rock. Windows, doors and shower stalls have been ordered. The goal is to continue with construction through the winter months as time and funds permit, trusting that both buildings will be usable for the summer of 2017 when the next Missions-In-Focus program is scheduled to take place.

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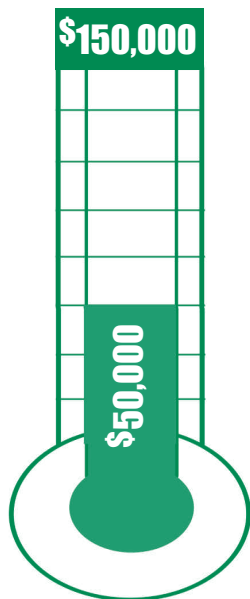


## THE FUTURE:

### Up-Dating of “The Plan”:

Other major projects are currently on hold while we focus on the Duplex Cabins. However, outside maintenance on the Stony Pine Activity Center has been completed which included installation of vinyl siding and trim on the entire building. This building will need replacement windows sometime in the future. The Hardwood Lodge dorm which has also been in need of vinyl siding (\$ 3,000 funds still needed), window replacement (\$5,000 funds still needed) and restroom remodeling (\$8,000 funds still needed) is a work in progress. Additional insulation and new siding are completed on the front wall, leaving 3 walls to insulate and side.

**Financial Need:** The current outstanding financial need to complete both duplex units is \$100,000.



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:** We deeply appreciate the volunteers who came from several states as well as Canada to offer their time and expertise. We desire to continue to work on both duplex buildings requiring electrical, plumbing, drywall, and inside and outside finishing. Please pray for the



safety of those who are doing this work now and also for the future use of these buildings during camp programs and Missions-in-Focus in 2017 and beyond.

Additional work weeks will be scheduled soon. If you are interested in coming to help, please contact us at camp. Many hands do make light work.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED PRAYERS AND  
INTEREST IN THIS AREA OF THE LORD'S  
WORK.**



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## 2017 RATES

	 <b>EARLY BIRD ONLINE RATE</b>	<b>REGULAR ONLINE RATE</b>	<b>PAPER FORM RATE</b>
<b>MEN'S RETREAT</b>	\$47.00	\$50.00	\$55.00
<b>JUNIOR/ INTERMEDIATE WEEKEND</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>SENIOR WEEKEND</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>FAMILY WEEKEND ADULT</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>FAMILY WEEKEND AGE 8-12</b>	\$68.00	\$70.00	\$75.00
<b>FAMILY WEEKEND AGE 4-7</b>	\$53.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
<b>FAMILY WEEKEND AGE 0-3</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>YOUNG ADULT</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK</b>	\$290.00	\$310.00	\$315.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK AGE 8-12</b>	\$165.00	\$175.00	\$180.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK AGE 4-7</b>	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$120.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK AGE 0-3</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>SENIOR WEEK</b>	\$290.00	\$310.00	\$315.00
<b>INTERMEDIATE WEEK</b>	\$280.00	\$300.00	\$305.00
<b>JUNIOR WEEK</b>	\$270.00	\$290.00	\$295.00
<b>LADIES WEEKEND</b>	\$87.00	\$90.00	\$95.00
<b>WINTER ESCAPE</b>	\$215.00	\$230.00	\$235.00

*Optional Family Camp Rates: Larger families who find it difficult to pay per person*

<b>FAMILY WEEKEND</b>	\$250.00	\$275.00	\$280.00
<b>FAMILY WEEK</b>	\$800.00	\$850.00	\$900.00
<b>BUS FEE: WEEKEND OR WEEK</b>	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

**NOTE** - Early Bird Online Rate is available to those who register more than 2 weeks before a camp session.

**Remember - Online registration closes 24 hours  
before a camp session begins.**

WE NO LONGER ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS BY PHONE.  
PLEASE MAKE REGISTRATIONS ONLINE AT

**WWW.MVBCAMP.ORG**

## 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.

## MOUNTAIN VIEW BIBLE CAMP CAMPS FOR 2017

**January 21** Board Meeting @ Clark  
**March 4** Men's Retreat Ages 18 + (14 & up w/ Adult mentor)  
**April 7-9** Jr/Int Weekend Ages 8 - 13

**NEW \*April 28-30 Spring Family Weekend All Ages**

**May 6** Board Meeting @ MVBC  
**June 2-4** Young Adult Weekend 18 and up (No Children)  
**July 2-8** Family Week All Ages  
**July 9-15** Senior Week Ages 14 - 19  
**July 16-22** Intermediate Week Ages 11-13  
**July 23-29** Junior Week Ages 8-10

**NEW \*August 12 - 18 Missions-In-Focus**

**September 16** Board Meeting @ MVBC  
**September 22-24** Ladies Retreat Ages 18 + (14 & up w/ Adult mentor)  
**October 13-15** Jr/Int Weekend Ages 8 - 13  
**October 27-29** Fall Senior Weekend Ages 13-19  
**December 26-30** Winter Escape Ages 13-19

**\*\*New for 2017** – Spring Family Weekend. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special weekend designed with the whole family in mind.

**\*\*Missions-In-Focus 2017** – This program is designed for Missionaries and those individuals who are interested in missionary service.

Keep watching the [MVBCamp.org](http://MVBCamp.org) web page  
for open registration dates.

PROGRAMS FILL UP QUICKLY, SO PLAN TO REGISTER EARLY.

[WWW.MVB CAMP.ORG](http://WWW.MVB CAMP.ORG)

## Online Registration, Early Registration and Paper Form Rates for 2017

Mountain View Bible Camp has partnered with CampDocs.com allowing for campers to now register online. This venture has already been a real blessing. A good number of campers used this option and for them registering for a future camp program will require only a few simple clicks.

For first time users, the total registration process does take about 15 minutes to complete per camper (depending on the speed of your internet connection). It does require all the information already requested on the current paper form, allows for a payment plan and electronic signature, and remembers the information for the future. It also allows for the transfer of electronic immunization records right into the system as a pdf or jpg file.

Camp has also begun an Early Rate and Standard Rate fee structure for On-line registration as well as a Paper Form Rate. The Early Rate is available to campers registering two or more weeks before the scheduled camp session and paying the entire fee before a camp session begins. For the summer programs, this could save an average of \$30 per camp session. The early rate is automatically calculated when a camper registers online at least two weeks before the camp session. For those registering via a paper form, the rate will be higher than the on-line rate. **Also, we no longer accept phoned in registrations or lists of people who "might attend". Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.**

MVBC is committed to going green as much as possible. We would encourage anyone planning to attend to register online to help speed along this process. Please do not hesitate to contact camp if you have any questions regarding the registration process or the rate structure. **PLEASE NOTE**, CampDocs.com may also reach out to those who register online in an effort to sell you travel insurance or medications. These items are not required by MVBC. If you choose to utilize these services, they will be charged directly to you by CampDocs.com at your own personal expense. Campers needing specific medications during a camp session are still required to bring those to camp in their original dispensing containers. **Thank you.**

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## CREDIT CARD Direct Giving *Offering Mountain-Top Experiences Every Day since 1968!*

### Please divide my gift in this way

- A. I would like to contribute to the General Fund. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. I would like to help needy campers (scholarships). \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. I would like to help meet the 15% to 25% gap between fees and expenses. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 D. I would like to contribute to the New Construction Fund. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. I would like to help support the Full Time Staff living expenses. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Amount of Charge** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Please charge my card one time.  
☐ Please charge my card each month.

**Type of card:** ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

*Credit Card Direct Giving Plan gifts provided to Mountain View Bible Camp are tax deductible.*

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date (required) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code on back \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please begin monthly charges on or after this date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like the monthly card transfer done on the following date:  
☐ 1st ☐ 15th ☐ Doesn't matter

**When you sign up for the Direct Giving Plan, your gift will be charged to your credit card as noted.**

• **Why join this plan:** Administrative time/costs will be reduced, enabling your gift to work faster to spread the gospel. Works automatically, so you don't have to remember to mail your check. Saves on postage cost.

• **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!*

*Mountain View now accepts PayPal.  
A link is provided at [MVBCamp.org](http://MVBCamp.org)*

Return to: **MOUNTAIN VIEW BIBLE CAMP, ATTN: DIRECT GIVING PLAN**  
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## MVBC *WishList*

- Air hockey tables
- Used Skid-Steer on rubber tracks with attachments
- Board games

### ITEMS RECEIVED

Construction supplies  
Good used furniture  
Basketball set-up for the pool  
Used color copier  
Scenery wall pictures  
Sports equipment  
Used playground equipment



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## Board Members

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**Bill Kulkens**, *Trustee*  
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## Full-Time Workers

**Jonathan and Annemieke Stassel**  
*Administrator*  
**Mark and Andrea Fuhr**  
*Operations Manager*  
**Fritz and Lottie Geiger**  
*Support Staff*  
**Jim Schulte**  
*Food Service Manager*  
**Sam and Ruth Abdalla**  
*Food Service Assistant Manager*