

The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp newsletter for all ages

Fall 2017

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Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

Every day there is something to do at camp. Some days are busy with campers, staff and programs. Other days are filled with maintenance and construction. Though the face of daily ministry may change, the focus of reaching and discipling individuals does not.

Over the years, there has been a very large financial investment in camp in order to provide well maintained facilities. As we continue to review each ministry opportunity and consider new ones, facility modifications and new construction play an important role in future plans.

Did you know that camp is utilized 10 to 12 weeks each summer and 75% of weekends the balance of the year; and much of that is with rental groups? What this means is that camp staff are busy cleaning, planning and maintaining facilities all year long with very little down time. Your help in serving in these areas is always appreciated. Whether it is volunteering in food service, cleaning, construction or maintenance, there is always something to be done.

Right now, we are very busy working on construction of the two new duplex cabins, building a large retaining wall around the back of the dorm for water management, upgrading playground facilities, and maintaining a number of other areas. During the off camp season, life rarely runs at a slower pace than the

summer programs, it's just different.

With all the active projects going at camp, there is a greater need for additional funding right now. Duplex 2 is 90% complete with a financial need of \$6,000 to reach completion. Duplex 3 is 45% complete with a financial need of \$65,000 to reach completion. The retaining wall behind the Hardwood Lodge (Dorm) will cost \$6000. Additional maintenance on the Hardwood lodge and other projects will be scheduled as time and funds are available.

Why expend all this time, money and energy on a facility? It is all about reaching the lost at any cost. As camp approaches its 50th year of existence and ministry, we are thankful to report that countless lives have been touched this year and in the past. Numerous individuals have asked Jesus to be their Savior. Many individuals have been helped in their walk with the Lord. Some individuals have even been led to serve the Lord throughout North America and overseas. How many lives have been touched because of this active ministry, only Heaven knows. It will be revealed one day when the Lord returns. Until then, those of us involved in the daily activities of camp, the Board of Trustees and the many volunteers who serve alongside of us, desire to remain focused to press on to the final goal of faithful ministry.

Please continue to pray for this ministry often. Should the Lord direct you to financially support this growing work or volunteer in service, please let us know. God continues to do great things at and through this ministry. Thank you for your partnership.

Jonathan Stassel
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



Missions in Focus 2017



Dorm excavation



"Offering Mountain-Top Experiences Every Day since 1968!"

Save the date to celebrate!

August 18, 2018!

Mountain View Bible Camp is happy to announce that we will celebrate 50 years of God's blessing and faithfulness to this ministry on August 18, 2018. A special day is being planned which will include food, fellowship and facility tours. Over the years, many individuals have shared life changing experiences they had while attending camp. This would be a great time to connect, or reconnect, with past and present camp friends and staff. Mark your calendars now, save the date, contact past campers and staff with plans to meet up for a day of thanksgiving and celebration. More information will be posted on mybcamp.org as plans develop. *Hope to see you then!*

2018 Camps

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| January 20 | Board Meeting @ Clark |
| March 3 | Men's Retreat |
| March 23-25 | Junior/Intermediate Weekend |
| April 27-29 | Spring Family Weekend |
| May 12 | Board Meeting @ MVBC |
| June 1-3 | Young Adult Weekend |
| July 1-7 | Family Week |
| July 8-14 | Senior Week |
| July 15-21 | Intermediate Week |
| July 22-28 | Junior Week |
| August 18 | 50th Celebration – Save the Date |
| September 7-9 | Family Wilderness Weekend |
| September 15 | Board Meeting @ MVBC |
| September 21-23 | Ladies Retreat |
| October 12-14 | Junior/Intermediate Weekend |
| October 26-28 | Fall Senior Weekend |
| December 26-30 | Winter Escape |



Evening activity



Wilderness Weekend lesson



Wilderness Weekend fellowship



Dorm retaining wall



Duplex siding work



Duplex siding work, grass planting and utility work



Planting grass near play area

Mountain View Bible Camp

Credit Card Direct Giving

Why join this plan?

1. Administrative time/costs will be reduced, enabling your gift to work faster to spread the gospel.
2. Works automatically, so you don't have to remember to mail your check.
3. Saves on postage cost.

How to sign up:

1. Fill out this form (be sure to sign and date it).
2. Send this form to Mountain View Bible Camp.
3. MVBC will do the rest.

Please charge my monthly gift(s) to my credit card account. If at any time I wish to increase, decrease or suspend my giving, I can contact Mountain View Bible Camp at 570-274-6979.

Please divide my gift in this way:

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| 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 | \$ _____ |
| F. I would like to make a special gift to help camp celebrate 50 years of ministry. | \$ _____ |
| Total Amount of Charge: | \$ _____ |

Type of card: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover

☐ Please charge my card **one time**.

☐ Please charge my card **each month**.

I would like the charge to be done on the following day of the month: ☐ 1st ☐ 15th ☐ Doesn't matter

Card Number _____

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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Please begin monthly charges on or after this date _____

Card Holder's Signature _____

Notes:

- When you sign up for the Direct Giving Plan, your gift will be charged to your credit card as noted.
- Credit Card Direct Giving Plan gifts provided to Mountain View Bible Camp are tax deductible.
- Mountain View now also accepts PayPal. A link is provided at MVBCamp.org.

Return this form to:

Mountain View Bible Camp • Attn: Direct Giving Plan • 99 Mt. View Lane, Danville, PA 17821
570-274-6979 • www.mvbcamp.org

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

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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MVBC *WishList*

- Air hockey tables
- Used Skid-Steer on rubber tracks with attachments
- Board games
- New chairs for pool area
- Pool umbrellas
- Night stands / bed side tables for duplexes
- Single beds – duplex cabins
- Double beds – duplex cabins
- Bunk beds – duplex cabins
- **Items Received:**
 - Construction supplies
 - Portable volleyball net
 - 15 brand new beds for staff house
 - Craft items



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

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