

The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp Newsletter For All Ages

Fall 2019

Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk



Dear friends of Mountain View,

As we approach the end of 2019, I am thankful for the many blessings of this year's camp season. Though Winter Escape is just around the corner, the Lord has been faithful in providing for this Ministry. Each year, I enjoy looking back and reviewing camper attendance, volunteer staff involvement, construction progress and maintenance tasks completed. I am encouraged to see both physical and spiritual growth in the lives of many who pass through these doors year after year. I am also encouraged to meet new campers and families who have attended for the first time with plans to return again.

As we move into the coming year, we are already praying about a theme. Vision 2020 has been stuck in my mind. Proverbs 29:18 says "Where there is no vision, the people perish". Lately, the Lord has impressed on me that His return is growing closer by the day. Each of us has the privilege of sharing God's offer of salvation and a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We also have the pleasure of offering hope and encouragement that can only be found in Him.

As I review the vision of the past 8 years, it is clear to see that camp has been in construction mode. In October 2011, we broke ground on duplex cabin 1 (Mountain and Norway). In September 2013, the Bathhouse Pavilion began. In the fall of 2016, construction began on duplex 2 (Austrian/Jersey) and 3 (Ponderosa/Virginia). We received a final occupancy permit in December of last year for duplex 2 and we expect to have duplex 3 signed off by the end of this year.

As I meet with people, the question is often asked, "What's next?" There are 17 structures on the property containing 46 toilets, 5 urinals, 59 sinks and over 200 beds. Additionally, camp operates 5 active water wells, 1 sewage pumping station, a 28 year old school bus, an 11 year old fifteen passenger van, a number of lawn mowers, a pick-up truck with snow plow,

and so much more. All of these items require maintenance. As mentioned above, camp has been in construction mode and now we must focus on facility and operational maintenance.

As we consider the future, camp does have an urgent need for funding. There are a number of projects that are planned but are not funded: these include (1) remodeling of the Hardwood Lodge (Dorm) both inside and outside, (2) the main building, staff house, candy store and pool pump house are all in need of roof replacements, (3) vehicles need to be upgraded, (4) a number of heating and air conditioning systems (HVAC) need replacement, while some buildings need new energy saving HVAC installations, (5) cost efficient lighting is needed throughout the facility, and so much more.

How can you help? Please pray often for this ministry. Please consider adding camp to your monthly, quarterly or even yearly giving plan. Naming camp in your Estate planning is also a great long range blessing. In addition, you can support camp as a volunteer. Your service in areas of maintenance, food service, counseling, and medical services are all necessary. We value your prayerful consideration on how you can be a partner with us in the Lord's work at Mountain View. God continues to do great things at and through this Ministry. Thank you for your partnership.

Jonathan Stassel
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR

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Intermediate Week 2019

The theme for Intermediate Week 2019 (7/14-7/20) was "The Path to Victory". It was made clear to the campers that there is a battle going on today, but we have resources to enable us to overcome (Eph 6: 11-18). Steve Campbell delivered the lectures in a very clear and interesting way that caught the attention of the campers. This year a total of 63 campers (29 girls, 34 boys) were registered. The Gospel was preached each evening and in response 10 campers stayed behind for counseling. These individuals had all professed faith in the Lord Jesus but needed help with the assurance of their salvation.

God's Hand

We truly saw the Lord's hand at work during this session. Some of the regular staff members from previous years were not available for various legitimate reasons, but the Lord sent along replacements. This was a real encouragement to us. On the last day of camp, when the heat index was greater than 100°F, the Lord showed His marvelous hand. Donovan McDonald, who graciously volunteers his time to help transport campers from Clark in New Jersey to Mountain View, was allowed by his employer to use one of the newest buses in their fleet when the owner became aware of the fact that the bus we own at MVBC was not air conditioned. What an encouragement to those who had to travel home on the bus that weekend!

Goals

For the past two years, the Lord has sent along 63 campers. God willing, if we are still here in 2020, we would like to expose more children to the Gospel of Christ at a critical stage of their lives BEFORE their hearts become hardened (Eccl 12:1). We realize that we are living in "perilous times" and therefore it is critical that we expose children to the Word of God which directs them to the Lord Jesus Christ.



Ways in which you can help

To achieve our goals, we need your help in at least three ways:

1. Please pray for the work that is being done at MVBC and for the full-time staff who are doing an outstanding job.
2. Please encourage children of the appropriate age to attend a camp session (senior, intermediate, or junior).
3. If you are able, please consider serving as a counselor or assistant counselor. To do so, you need to complete the screening clearance process which involves three parts, the first two of which can be easily done online. The fingerprinting is the most complex step. If interested, please contact Jon Stassel for more information at jstassel@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Intermediate Week team,
Sam Headley, Director



2020 Camps

January 18	Board Meeting @ Clark
March 7	Men's Retreat - Ages 18+ (14+ with adult mentor)
March 20-22	Women's Confidential Young Ladies Wknd - Ages 18-30
April 3-5	Spring Family Wknd - All ages
April 17-19	Jr/Int Wknd - Ages 8-13
May 16	Board Meeting @ MVBC
May 29-31	Young Adult Wknd - Ages 18+
June 28-July 4	Family Week - All Ages
July 5-11	Senior Week - Ages 14-19
July 12-18	Intermediate Week - Ages 11-13
July 19-25	Junior Week - Ages 8-10
September 11-13	Wilderness Wknd - All ages (must be accompanied by an adult)
September 19	Board Meeting @ MVBC
September 25-27	Ladies Retreat - Ages 18+ (14+ with adult mentor)
October 2-4	Jr/Int Wknd - Ages 8-13
October 23-24	Fall Senior Wknd - Ages 13-19
December 26-30	Winter Escape - Ages 13-19

2020 Rates

	Discounted Rate OL	Regular Rate OL	Paper Rate
Men's Retreat	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
Senior Weekend	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
Family Wknd Adult	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
Family Wknd 8-12	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$100.00
Family Wknd 4-7	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$85.00
Family Wknd 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jr/Int Weekend	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
Young Adult	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
Family Week	\$335.00	\$365.00	\$395.00
Family Week 8-12	\$200.00	\$230.00	\$260.00
Family Week 4-7	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$200.00
Family Week 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Senior Week	\$335.00	\$365.00	\$395.00
Intermediate Week	\$325.00	\$355.00	\$385.00
Junior Week	\$315.00	\$345.00	\$375.00
Ladies Weekend	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
Ladies Wknd - Sat Only	\$55.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
Wilderness Wknd Adult	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
Wilderness Wknd 8-12	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00
Wilderness Wknd 4-7	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
Wilderness Wknd 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winter Escape	\$230.00	\$260.00	\$280.00
Women's Confidential	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
OPTIONAL FAMILY RATES			
Family Weekend	\$300.00	\$330.00	\$360.00
Family Week	\$1000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00
BUS FEES			
Weekend - No Meal	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Week - Meal Stop \$5	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00

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 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.

- When you sign up for the Direct Giving Plan, your gift will be charged to your credit card as noted. With many new banking options available online, scheduled gifts can be sent directly from your financial institution to camp. This option does offer about 3% savings over a credit card gift.
- Credit Card Direct Giving Plan gifts provided to Mountain View Bible Camp are tax deductible.
- Mountain View also accepts PayPal. A link is provided at MVBCamp.org.
- If at any time you wish to increase, decrease or suspend your giving, contact Mountain View Bible Camp at 570-672-2296 or 570-274-6979.

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 10% to 25% gap between fees and expenses. \$ _____
- D. I would like to contribute to the Maintenance 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.

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

Type of card: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover

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 _____

I would like the monthly card transfer done on the following date:

☐ 1st ☐ 15th ☐ Doesn't matter

Card Holder's Signature _____

RETURN TO:

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Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Sunbury, PA
Permit #30

MVBC *Wish List*

- Air Hockey Tables
- New Chairs for Pool Area

Items Received:

- Construction Supplies
- Sports Balls
- Umbrellas for Pool Area
- Plants for Flower Boxes



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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