

The Views



Mountain View Bible Camp Newsletter For All Ages

Fall 2020

Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

VISION 2020

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of faith... Hebrews 12:2

Dear friends of Mountain View,

As we move towards the end of the 2020 calendar year, I am thankful for the Lord's care for this ministry and the staff team that serve here on the hill. 2020 has truly been a unique year, one like no other in my lifetime. As we began the year, plans were put in place to hold camp programs and guest groups just like the previous 50 years. If I have learned anything from 2020, it would be that plans are subject to be changed on a moment's notice.

This year's theme, Vision 2020, was chosen to remind us that God has a plan for each of us. If you visit the eye doctor for an exam, if your vision is perfect and not in need of any correction, it could be said that you have 20/20 vision. As 2020 began, my plans seemed to be similar to past years: schedule and hold camp programs, work with campers and staff, share Bible lessons, all the good things that usually take place in a normal camping year. Though we were surely not expecting a pandemic, God knew what 2020 would bring, all the changes, all the health concerns, everything. Now, as we approach the end of 2020, my current question is, "What have we learned during these months of different?"

Over the past months, I have been reminded of a number of truths:

1. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.
2. Nothing takes God by surprise.
3. He is always present, no matter what happens in life's changing situations.
4. He can be trusted to provide what is needed for the moment.
5. God loves me and He wants the best for me.
6. He is in control.
7. His return is closer than ever before.



So, regardless of how 2020 ends, the Lord is the author and finisher of faith. I choose to trust Him, follow Him and lean on Him regardless of past, present and future events.

My prayer for you, friends of this camp ministry, is that as you look back, may you have 2020 vision of how the Lord has helped and provided for you and as you look forward, may you see His hand leading and encouraging you toward a better day.

Until we can meet again face to face, may the Lord bless you, keep you and encourage you.

Jonathan Stassel
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



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2020 In A Nutshell



What was planned?

2020 began like many other years; a full camp program on the calendar and maintenance projects scheduled. A full schedule generally would include 14 weekends, 10 summer weeks, 4 church picnics and various other gatherings and sessions.

What actually took place?

Two weekend programs did take place in February and March before the pandemic took hold: Men's Retreat and a weekend youth guest group. As the summer approached, camp was able to retool and welcome 5 family weekends with reduced attendance limits, 1 church picnic, 1 graduation party and 1 large family reunion. Most of these events were able to be held outdoors in the pavilion and offered the ability to physically distance while still meeting some spiritual, physical and emotional support needs during these difficult times.

Some maintenance projects that were started before Covid19 have also made progress. We were able to work on the Hardwood Lodge (Dorm) both inside and outside. All of the windows have been upgraded, vinyl siding installed, the bathroom counters replaced, and interior painting is expected to be done over the winter months.



What is planned for the future?

Knowing that health and safety are concerns for many, camp continues to monitor CDC recommendations and we continue to reevaluate programming options for the future. Presently, we are praying about hosting Winter Escape over the Christmas holidays. As we approach Thanksgiving, a final decision will be made as to if this camp program will be able to be modified and take place. As far as 2021 is concerned, we have scheduled our regular camp programs and guest groups while knowing our plans might need to be modified. We are trusting the Lord for His direction and for camp to be able to return to more normal programming in the near future.

What is camp's current financial need?

During the summer months, camp usually welcomes the highest amount of camper days of the year. This is the season where we are generally able to set some funds aside to help carry the yearly budget and monthly expenses of the other nine months. That did not happen this year. Camp has been diligent in reducing expenses as much as possible. A number of large maintenance projects like roof replacement and HVAC upgrades and replacements have been delayed. We will continue to keep the expenses as lean as we can and trust the Lord to provide, reduce the current debt and meet ongoing monthly expenses as they come due.

*Please continue to pray for this ministry.
We know God is able to meet the need.*

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2021 Camps

January 23	Board Meeting @ Clark
March 6	Men's Retreat
March 26-28	Women's Confidential Young Ladies Wknd (ages 18-30ish)
April 2-4	Spring Family Weekend
April 16-18	Jr/Int Weekend
May 15	Board Meeting @ MVBC
June 4-6	Young Adult Weekend
June 27-July 3	Family Week
July 4-10	Senior Week (Ages 14-19)
July 11-17	Intermediate Week (Ages 11-13)
July 18-24	Junior Week (Ages 8-10)
August 7-13	Missions-In-Focus
September 10-12	Wilderness Weekend
September 18	Board Meeting @ MVBC
September 24-26	Ladies Retreat
October 1-3	Jr/Int Weekend
October 22-24	Fall Senior Weekend
December 26-30	Winter Escape (Ages 13-19)

2021 Rates

	Discounted Rate OL	Regular Rate OL	Paper Rate
Men's Retreat	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Senior Weekend	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$125.00
Family Wknd Adult	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$125.00
Family Wknd 8-12	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$110.00
Family Wknd 4-7	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
Family Wknd 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jr/Int Weekend	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$125.00
Young Adult	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$125.00
Family Week	\$350.00	\$380.00	\$400.00
Family Week 8-12	\$230.00	\$260.00	\$280.00
Family Week 4-7	\$170.00	\$190.00	\$210.00
Family Week 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Senior Week	\$350.00	\$380.00	\$400.00
Intermediate Week	\$340.00	\$370.00	\$390.00
Junior Week	\$330.00	\$360.00	\$380.00
Ladies Weekend	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$125.00
Ladies Wknd - Sat Only	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Wilderness Wknd Adult	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$125.00
Wilderness Wknd 8-12	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$110.00
Wilderness Wknd 4-7	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
Wilderness Wknd 0-3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Winter Escape	\$250.00	\$280.00	\$300.00
Women's Confidential	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$125.00
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 contributions. 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 _____

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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:

- Friendship Bracelets
- Bumper Stickers
- Used Refrigerator
- Archery Equipment



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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