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Missions in focus

Please consider carving out some time to return and join us in 2023 and be encouraged. Maybe the Lord has blessed you while attending camp in the past and he has blessed you financially now. Would you consider a year end gift or signing up to give monthly? As MVBC enters its 55th year of ministry, we greatly value your prayerful participation.

God has been faithful and we trust Him to lead and guide us into the future until He returns. We desire to continue to move ONWARD! Our prayer for you is that our faithful Lord will continue to lead, guide and bless you.

**Jonathan Stassel**  
CAMP ADMINISTRATOR



Learning about light

Walking through a smoke filled training trailer



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# The Views

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## MVBC Wish List

- Gaga Pit
- Upgrade Activity Center Chairs

### Items Received:

- Outdoor Carpet and Installation for golf course
- Tetherballs/Volleyballs/Basketballs/Golf Balls
- 6 Double Mattresses for the new Murphy Beds
- Wall Hanging - "Blessings"

# The Views

Mountain View Bible Camp Newsletter For All Ages

Fall 2022

## Thoughts from the Administrator's Desk

*I press ONWARD! toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*  
Philippians 3:14

Dear friends of Mountain View Bible Camp,

We are so excited to be moving ONWARD! We are thankful for a busy summer and fall of back to normal camp sessions. Camper attendance has grown, more volunteer staff have returned, and plans for 2023 are in full swing. Though the pandemic has impacted some of camp's regular programs and reduced a few guest group sessions, we are trusting the Lord to provide and increase the usage of the facility in the future. We are asking the Lord specifically to increase camper attendance at every session and to provide solid Christian guest groups to utilize other available time slots.

I am sure that each of you are well aware of the ever increasing cost of living. Did you know that camp's water system has three wells providing water to all areas of camp and that camp's electric bill runs around \$20,000 per year? Did you know that camp pays out more than \$10,000 per year for wastewater? There are many monthly and yearly expenses required to keep camp running, expenses that exist whether camp programs happen or not. As we draw near the end of 2022, would you prayerfully consider how you can help MVBC transition into the new year? Maybe you have been staff in the past and your background screening has lapsed. Please consider rescreening and get involved again as a staff member. Maybe you used to attend different camp sessions but due to the busyness of life, you have not attended in a while.



Family Time

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# Blessings & Needs

## BLESSINGS

With the ever increasing cost of energy, camp continues to target energy saving projects. Thus, over the past few months, MVBC has been able to catch up on a few larger maintenance projects. The main building has received three new heating and air conditioning systems. These high efficiency propane heat units will help reduce the operational cost of this building that had previously been 100% electric heat. The handicap/family restroom on the second floor has also been completed. Some lighting has been upgraded to LED and other energy saving programs have been implemented. These projects were fully funded through generous donations.

## NEEDS

MVBC still has four areas where more efficient heating is needed. The Stephens Inn Staff House, The Stony Pine Activity Center, Overlook house and Hilltop house all need to move off 100% electric heat to high efficiency propane heating and hot water systems. With camp owning our propane tanks, this type of system will save money in the future. As the Lord provides, MVBC is planning to upgrade one building per year over the next four years.

Current projects include:

- Replace a broken water line and upgrade utilities between the main building and Stephens Inn
- Sidewalk and water run off management between main building and Stephens Inn
- Driveway maintenance of road stone and grading (delayed for the past two years)
- General maintenance projects on a few other buildings

We continue to trust the Lord for His direction and provision to meet the ongoing maintenance expenses of camp. We value your continual prayers and support.



## Senior Week



## Fun Games!



## Family Time



## PRAYERS ANSWERED

What a summer it has been! After two years of uncertainty and different types of summer camps, this summer we planned to have a "regular" summer again. We fervently prayed for health and encouragement as we planned for each session. God sure answered!

Four days before the full summer weeks were going to start, we just had one summer staff lifeguard: Janelle Stassel. We had been praying for God to bring two more on board and did so especially that day. The next day Kris Gittens and Nadia Pearson unexpectedly signed on. What a blessing and answer to prayer!

We had two family camps this summer; neither one had an official director when we published the dates. God brought two great families (the Samuels and the Arochos) to direct and it went well. A sure answer to prayer!

We prayed for camps to have at least 35 campers each week, and often at the last minute, God sent 35 or more campers. We realize many people do plan their lives several weeks in advance, but they forget to let us know. Please do register well in advance, it makes planning for counselors, food service, activities, and supplies SOO much less complicated! Thank you for your consideration! We do realize though that even if it seems last minute to us, God provides!

Each week we had speakers to encourage the campers and point them onwards. Each week we had enough staff. Each week campers left encouraged from their mountain top experience. God answered prayer!

We pray that 2023 will have many more answers to prayer. Check the calendar, set your reminder alarms well in advance, and register to be encouraged and move onward!



## Great Food!



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

## 2023 Camps

January 21	Board Meeting in Mahwah, NJ
March 4	Men's Retreat
March 31 - April 2	Spring Family Weekend
April 21-23	Jr/Int Weekend
May 20	Board Meeting @ MVBC
June 2-4	Young Adult Weekend
July 2-8	Family Week
July 9-15	Senior Week (Ages 14-19)
July 16-22	Intermediate Week (Ages 11-13)
July 23-29	Junior Week (Ages 8-10)
September 16	Board Meeting @ MVBC
September 22-24	Ladies Weekend
September 29 - October 1	Jr/Int Weekend
October 20-22	Fall Senior Weekend
December 26-30	Winter Escape

## 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 in Mountain View Bible Camp are tax deductible.  
• Mountain View also accepts PayPal contributions. A link is provided at [MVBCamp.org](http://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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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